



Empowering People to Change the World

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Nehemiah 7

Nehemiah 6:15-16

- The wall has been supernaturally built in just 52 days!
- It was done because God did it.

God's work, done God's way, brings supernatural results.

- Not just God's work...but God's work, done God's way.
- Is your work under God's anointing? Is your work under God's power? Nehemiah's was.
- Nehemiah communed with God, sought God, went after God in prayer and fasting.
- When God does a great work, even our enemies recognize the grace and power of God.

Psalm 127

Vs. 1

What the Lord builds, the Lord guards!

- The Lord wants to build our city, our church, and your family.
- The Lord wants to guard and protect our families.

Jonathan Edwards said, "Every home is a little church."

- God places watchmen over cities. I believe these are the guarded by two kinds of leaders:

- The civil, marketplace leaders watch over the city: our mayor, police chief, fire chief, and other business leaders watch over our city.
- The spiritual, pastors and prayer warriors watch over the city.

Our great responsibility as Christians is to watch over our nation, and city in prayer, and build this city under the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Ex. We are praying for these 52 days, every day, morning, evening, and noon day: Amy Cony Barrett for SCOTUS, this is about the Abortion Industry, the election, the wildfires in Colorado.

Vs. 2-5

- It is vanity to work late and give our lives to our jobs if the Lord is not watching over your family and your stuff.
- If you are working and living without God, it will crumble.
- Because the foundation is faulty.

When God is building a home, city, or nation, children are welcome!

- In other words, when God is building the house, when the Lord is guarding a city, children become a blessing, a heritage, and a reward.
- Happiness is seeing our sons and daughters being sent out like sharp arrows against the enemy.

Nehemiah 7:1-2

Nehemiah is appointing leaders for the guarding of the city. There are two kinds of leaders:

1) Gatekeepers—Protection. Men who would guard and protect the city against enemies; political and spiritual.

2) Singers—Presence. The worshippers and prayer warriors over a city who invite the presence of God over a city.

- Political and Spiritual. Pastors and believers are the gatekeepers over the welfare of the city.

The character of the men that Nehemiah chose:

- **Faithful**
- **Feared God**
- This was the criteria for Nehemiah! They were faithful and feared God more than others.

Vs. 3

In the ancient Near East, it was customary to open the gates at sunrise and close them at sunset.

- But because of the enemies surrounding him, Nehemiah is does not want to give any opportunity to the enemy for an early morning attack.
- Rather, he wanted them to wait until mid-morning so that everyone is awake and active.
- Nehemiah posted guards over their own homes and over the watch stations.
- When we care about our city, we care about our family, because the city is what brings us all together.
 - Our sports leagues.
 - Our taxes.
 - Our streets and lights.

- Our businesses...all effect our lives.
- When we guard our cities, we are guarding our families.

Vs. 4-5

“God put it into my heart.” Throughout our study, Nehemiah mentions God’s presence and wisdom over him. He speaks of the “hand of the Lord being upon him.”

- Nehemiah is anointed and blessed by God, because he can hear from God...
- Have you learned to listen to God? Have you learned how to hear God’s voice?
- We need God’s leading in our lives!

“Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.” (Galatians 5:16-18, NKJV)

- We must learn how to walk in the Spirit and then, we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh!
- There is violent war going on in your members!

The only way to victory is to have a present-tense interaction and experience with the Spirit of God.

- Many of us are in the “Spiritual ICU Unit” and are on life support, because we don’t know how to hear from and feed on God.
- We are spiritually malnourished and unable to fight the fight.
- We must feed on God with God’s spiritual food: God’s Word.

- “...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4, NKJV)
- Our spirit lives because we live on the Word that comes from God.

God’s Word is God’s heart.

- The Bible is the “Manuscript of God’s heart, the transcripts of God’s heart.”
- So many believers are in the “Spiritual ICU Unit” with no appetite for the Word of God.
- We need a present-tense encounter with the Spirit of God, daily feeding on His Word and hearing from Him.
- “So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.” (Romans 10:17, NKJV)
- You must feed on the spiritual food of God’s Word daily: like manna, it doesn’t last more than about 24 hours.
- Nehemiah is feeding on God’s Word, we will see that in the next chapter.
- Nehemiah is getting revelation! We need present tense revelation from God by encountering His Spirit.

From verses 6 to 69, we are given the register of all the people who had come from Babylon with Zerubbabel.

Vs. 70-72

- The people are giving generously to the work of God.

Whenever God shows up and takes over our lives, people become generous with their stuff.

- Look at the 1st Century Church. Wow! Everyone was giving.

“Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.” (Acts 4:32-35, NKJV)

- One of the signs of revival in our heart is a generous spirit! We are excited to give to the Lord!

Vs. 73

When administrators administrate; when teachers teach; when pastors pastor, when leaders lead, when mothers mother and fathers father, we can dwell in safety and peace.

- When the Lord builds the house...there is joy in our cities!!

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing-- life forevermore.” (Psalm 133, NKJV)