

**HOW CAN WE WITHSTAND THE HUMAN OPPOSITION SATAN BRINGS?
PREPARATION FOR OUR LOOK AT THE OPPOSITION NEHEMIAH FACED
1 PETER 5:8-9**

- I. **Context: NEHEMIAH'S OPPOSITION INTRODUCED (Nehemiah 2)**

- II. **REALIZE WE EXPERIENCE OPPOSITION if we are obediently serving Christ: We have an adversary (Misc. passages, Eph 6)**

- III. **Therefore... we must THINK RIGHTLY AND BE WATCHFUL because our adversary seeks a spiritually vulnerable believer to devour (8a)**
 - A. **Because of the danger (8b), we are commanded to be sober minded (8a)**

 - B. **Because of the danger (8b), we are commanded to be watchful (8a)**

- IV. **Therefore...we must RESIST THE DEVIL BY FIRMLY TRUSTING THE LORD, having understood opposition and suffering is the temporal norm for believers (9)**
 - A. **Because of the danger, we are commanded to resist the devil, firm in the faith (9a)**

 - B. **Because of the danger, we are to trust the Lord, remembering our suffering is the norm for believers and He will bring them to a successful completion (9b)**