

HOW TO KEEP FROM BEING OVERCOME BY OUR ENEMIES' REPROACH
RESISTING SATAN'S SCHEMES --- PART 1
Nehemiah 4:1-6

- I. **REALIZE SATAN USES PEOPLE TO TRY TO DISCOURAGE YOU** when you are doing the Lord's will: Sanballat, furious because the Jews were rebuilding, along with Tobiah, mock, despise and reproach the builders publicly (1-3)
- A. Sanballat became furious and mocked the builders in public (1-2)
1. You're **too weak**: 'Your feeble'
 2. You're **too small** to finish the task: 'Can you repair it yourselves?'
 3. **Will your sacrifices cause the wall to be build**: 'Will God whip this up out of thin air?'
 4. The **task is too great**: 'Can you do it in a day?'
 5. You have **too little to work with**: 'Can stones be revived from heaps of dust or burnt stones?'
- B. **Tobiah piles on...** 'What you've done so far is nothing', 'If a fox jumped on it, it would collapse' (3)
- II. **PRAY ABOUT THE SITUATION FROM THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE**: Nehemiah shares the situation with the Lord and calls upon Him to bring just retribution upon their enemies (4-5)
- A. Nehemiah calls upon the Lord to hear how they are despised (4a)
- B. Nehemiah calls for the Lord's just retribution because their enemies have demoralized the builders (4b-5)
- III. **PERSEVERE IN THE LORD'S WORK FROM THE RIGHT HEART_(6)**