Knocked Down, but Not Knocked Out – Part 2/2

Nehemiah 4:1-23



Come Let Us Rebuild.

Flaming arrows of the Enemy

- Mockery (vv. 1-3)
- Conspiracy to cause commotion (vv. 7-8)
- Discouragement (v. 10)
- Threat (v. 11-12)



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1. Half the workers to watch for the enemy



2. Load bearers –Weapon in one hand and work with the other



3. Builders – Sword girded at their side



4. Trumpeter – to sound the alarm

Principles from Strategy #4

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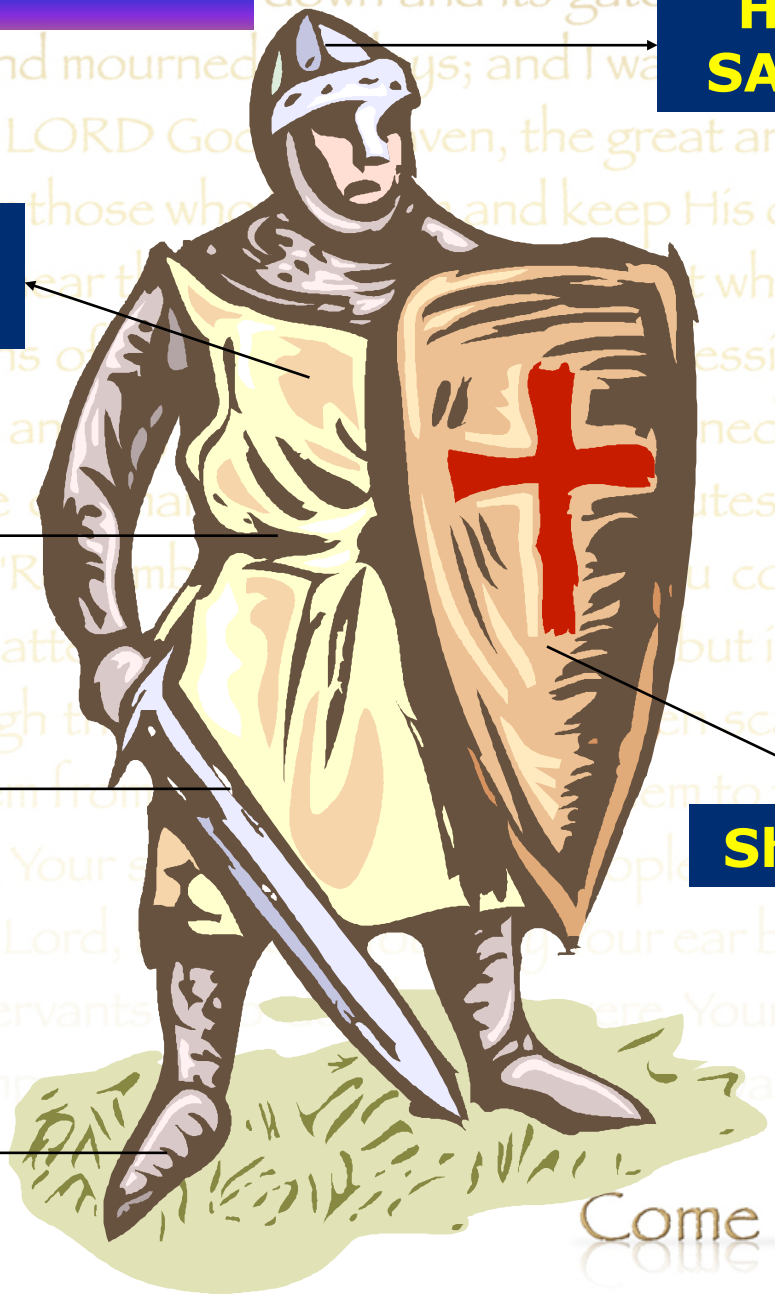
Acts 20:28 "Be on guard for *yourselves* and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

1 Timothy 6:20 "O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you,…"

2 John 1:8 "Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward."

The full armor of God



Helmet – SALVATION

Breast plate – RIGHTEOUSNESS

Loin – TRUTH

Sword of the WORD

Shield – FAITH

Feet – GOSPEL

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- Guarding is as important as working
- Each one's role is unique
- United we stand, Divided we fall
- The rebuilding work is a sacrificial work, yet a great work

Nehemiah's best strategy

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Our God is at work fighting for us

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Phil 1:6 ‘For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus Christ’

1 Samuel 17:46-47 ‘This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; *for the battle is the LORD'S* and He will give you into our hands.’