

52 Days - Week 8

Finishing Strong... With
the Help of Our God

Nehemiah 6:1 (NKJV)

Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and that there were no breaks left in it (though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates),

Nehemiah 6:2 (NKJV)

that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together among the villages in the plain of Ono." But they thought to do me harm.

"The closer you get to doing what God wants done, the harder your enemy will fight to stop you."

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Nehemiah 6:3 (NKJV)

So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?"

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- Your enemy will try to discourage you.
- Your enemy will try to distract you.
- Your enemy will try to discredit you.

Nehemiah 6:4 (NKJV)

But they sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same manner.

Nehemiah 6:5 (NKJV)

Then Sanballat sent his servant to me as before, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand.

Nehemiah 6:6 (NKJV)

In it was written: It is reported among the nations, and Geshem says, that you and the Jews plan to rebel; therefore, according to these rumors, you are rebuilding the wall, that you may be their king.

Nehemiah 6:7 (NKJV)

And you have also appointed prophets to proclaim concerning you at Jerusalem, saying, "There is a king in Judah!" Now these matters will be reported to the king. So come, therefore, and let us consult together.

Nehemiah 6:8 (NKJV)

Then I sent to him, saying, "No such things as you say are being done, but you invent them in your own heart."

Nehemiah 6:10 (NKJV)

Afterward I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was a secret informer; and he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, at night they will come to kill you."

Nehemiah 6:11 (NKJV)

And I said, "Should such a man as I flee? And who is there such as I who would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in!"

Nehemiah 6:12 (NKJV)

Then I perceived that God had not sent him at all, but that he pronounced this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

Nehemiah 6:13 (NIV)

He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me.

Nehemiah 6:15 (NIV)

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days.

Nehemiah 6:16 (NIV)

When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.