

# “What Are These Feeble Christians Doing?”

## Nehemiah 4

When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity, he set out to rebuild the wall around the city. His enemies looked on with disdain. Finally they mocked the work and tried to stop it. In verse 2 they said, “What are these feeble Jews doing?” Still today, Satan and all his followers (critical unbelievers) tend to mock God’s people and church leaders in particular.

If we really get serious about serving God and joining Him in His work, we can be assured that Satan will throw everything he has against us. Consider TWO MAJOR EXPECTATIONS— one negative, one positive.

### I. We can expect OPPOSITION FROM THE ENEMY (vv. 1-3, 7-8)

#### A. The enemy opposes the WORK (vv. 2-3)

1. He criticizes the FEASIBILITY of the work (v. 2)
2. He criticizes the QUALITY of the work (v. 3)

#### B. The enemy opposes the WORKERS (vv. 5-8)

1. He opposes the UNITY of the workers (v. 5, 8)
2. He opposes the DETERMINATION of the workers (v. 7)

### II. We can expect OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BELIEVER opportunity to PRAY (v. 9)

#### B. It is an opportunity to PLAN (vv. 13, 14, 20)

#### C. It is an opportunity to PARTICIPATE (v. 6)

#### A. It is an

Nehemiah’s answer to his opposition is summed up in 6:15-16, “So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month Elul (Aug.-Sep.) in fifty-two days.” God’s work done in God’s way and in God’s timing will never lack resources and will always bring glory to God and good to His people.