

“GOD’S HAND ON GOD’S MAN”

Nehemiah 2:7-16

It is an exciting thing to sense the hand of God upon your life. In this section of Nehemiah, we have a clear example of God’s hand upon a man. There is here, at least a **THREE-FOLD DESCRIPTION OF GOD’S HAND AT WORK.**

I. Notice, God’s hand of PROVISION (vv. 7-8)

A. God provided a PERSONAL PASSPORT (v. 7)

[God will provide the way for you to go wherever He wants you to go!]

B. God provided a MATERIALS LIST (v. 8)

[God will provide the money or material supplies you need for His work!]

II. Notice, God’s hand of PROTECTION (vv.9-10)

A. God protected him with a MILITARY ESCORT (v. 9b)

[God protects us with the armour of God!] cf. Ephesians 6:13-17

B. God protected him from a MILITANT ENEMY (v.10)

[God protects us from our (His) enemies when we are doing His work!]

cf. Ephesians 6:11-12

III. Notice, God’s hand of DIRECTION (vv.11-16)

A. God directed him to IDENTIFY WITH THE PEOPLE (v. 11)

[Give God three days of prayer, fasting and assessment and that will result in identification with the people!] cf. Ezra 8:32

B. God directed him to INSPECT THE PROJECT (vv.12-16)

1. He performed a CONFIDENTIAL INSPECTION (vv.12, 16)

2. He performed a COMPLETE INSPECTION (vv.13-15)

Verse 8 concludes this description quite well: “The king granted...(resources) to me because **THE GOOD HAND OF MY GOD WAS ON ME.**” He will **PROVIDE** for you, He will **PROTECT** you, He will **DIRECT** you...when His good hand is upon you.

Is the good hand of God upon you? ...upon your church?