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NEHEMIAH 4



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Looking Back

Nehemiah 1:1-11

How would we assess the life of  
Nehemiah?

## WHAT OTHERS SAY:

"When we think of a man of action -- practical, brave, a gifted organizer and administrator -- we don't necessarily expect him to be the type who would grieve, fast, and pray about a concern for four months to be sure he was following God's lead and not acting impulsively.

"Nehemiah was a man of prayer, patriotism, action, courage and perseverance. His first impulse always was to pray."

HENRY H. HALLEY ~ HALLEY'S BIBLE HANDBOOK

"No portion of the Old Testament provides us with a greater incentive to dedicated, discerning zeal for the work of God than the Book of Nehemiah.

The example of Nehemiah's passion for the truth of God's Word, whatever the cost, or consequences, is an example sorely needed in the present hour."

**THE WYCLIFFE BIBLE COMMENTARY**

## WHO PENNED THE PROGRAM OF YOUR LIFE?

- The birth of a vision
- Keep on the path – Matthew 7:13-14
- God is our source – then and now

## MANY A DREAMER

- Man of Vision
- Man enclosed in his prayer closet for months
- A man launching in a humble and modest walk with God

Men who believe something  
Men who sacrifice something  
Men who know right from wrong  
Men who will march forward

Sooner or later people begin to smell the  
fire in his bones.

Man may be laughed at and scorned  
The truth of God's Word.

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are,...

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-28 (NIV)**



God still chooses to take the foolish things in order to neutralize things that are strong.

God still strikes down a giant with a pebble.

God's plan is often the simple plan.

## NEHEMIAH'S RESPONSE

When people jeer, mock, condemn, or  
despise

“Hear O our God” (Neh 4:4 – KJV)

“When he heard their mocking----He lifted  
up that grand face, – lined, ridged and  
wrinkled with age in it, and yet with immortal  
youth in it, also and said Hear O our God”

JOSEPH PARKER

# A WALL TO BUILD

- How does the work get done?
- Vision is married to having a mind to work.
- Remember the Lord – Fight for your brethren