

Rebuilding the Wall
Theme: Courage in the Midst of Trials

INTRODUCTION

- A. There are times of trials and adversity, that challenge the fellowship among saints.
 - 1. There are breaches in our wall of fellowship with God and one another.
 - 2. These breaches are a reproach upon God's people and need to be fixed.
- B. The question is, how?

I. REBUILDING THE WALL

- A. **Ch. 1** – Nehemiah hears bad news about Jerusalem/city walls; fasts/prays for nation's sins.
- B. **Ch. 2** – Goes to Jerusalem; surveys the wall.
- C. **Ch. 3** – Repairs to the wall starts.
- D. **Ch. 4** – Discouragement from those outside.
- E. **Ch. 5** – Discouragement from brethren.
- F. **Ch. 6** – Still, the wall was completed in 52 days!

II. TODAY'S QUICK/STURDY BUILDING

- A. Today, there are many breaches that have gone unrepaired in the city of God.
- B. It is time for Christians to have their sword (Eph. 6:12ff) in one hand and brick and mortar (Eph. 4:11ff) in the other.
- C. Like in Nehemiah's day there are many outside forces wanting to destroy Christianity. Eph. 6:12
- D. There are many within the Lord's church that also hinder the building up of the body of Christ. 2 Tim. 2:16-18

III. THE 'HOW' FOR A QUICK/STURDY BUILDING

- A. Attend to our own business.
 - 1. Gossip, busy bodies, or "troublesome meddlers" are time wasters and destructive to the work of the Lord.
 - 2. Many get side tracked because of this evil.
 - 3. Instead take care to repair what is lacking in our lives within the household of faith...first and foremost. Matt. 7:5
- B. Fitted And Held Together By What Every Joint Supplies. Eph. 4:16
 - 1. Brethren, it cannot be overestimated what happens when a community of believers each do their part...all things are possible.
 - 2. Today, churches truly grow when everyone is working...together (not being busy bodies).

CONCLUSION

- A. Without realizing it breaches in the walls of fellowship have brought about great discouragement among brethren today.
- B. We need courage and boldness to get back at the basics to bring about genuine fellowship among believers once again.