

## NEHEMIAH

### “WHEN YOUR ENEMIES GET FRIENDLY”

Nehemiah 6:1-14

Lesson #6

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#### REVIEW:

- A. Let's Make Amends . . . . . Nehemiah 6:1-2
- 1) The motivation behind the request to meet was the wall's completion.
  - 2) It would seem that since the opposition wasn't successful, a different tactic was attempted.
  - 3) Not everyone who speaks of their good intentions actually has them.
  - 4) Here is what's missing for Nehemiah...
- B. I'm Busy Right Now . . . . . Nehemiah 6:3-9
- 1) His answer is basically, “I can't because I'm busy.”
  - 2) The answer is not changed despite the repetitive asking. To repeat a question would infer that...
  - 3) By not changing his answer, the change came on their part which revealed their concealed agenda.
  - 4) If we allow **FEAR TO** motivate us to trust or allow someone back in our lives, how can the **GOD OF LOVE** be the inspiration?
  - 5) People seeking true friendship understand trust is built. They want to build it with you and you with them.
  - 6) People who just want to move you don't have time for building, and their speech betrays it.

- 7) Since their goal is weakness, our prayer is for strength for the task (not against them.)
- 8) Letting the enemy become our focal point is letting the enemy set our agenda.

- C. Snake in the Grass. . . . . Nehemiah 6:10-14
- 1) Why Nehemiah goes is not revealed, but we can surmise Shemaiah was **TRUSTED**, **LOYAL** seen as **BENEFICIAL** for the project.
  - 2) A plan to preserve Nehemiah's life is asserted to stop a very certain assassination attempt, with urgency used to mask it's problems.
  - 3) Urgency can get us to **GO** where we wouldn't, **DO** what we shouldn't, **SENSE** what isn't, and **FEAR** what never was.
  - 4) How can we know if we should believe a report like this?
  - 5) Examples of Godly warnings.
  - 6) Examples of urgency used to lead to a wrong path.
  - 7) If you just except the fear, you may not hear God's leading.
  - 8) Shemaiah was not alone in speaking this, as the were other prophets and a prophetess.

APPLICATION: Matthew 3:4-12, 2 Peter 1:2-11

**WORDS OF CHANGE** without **FRUITS OF REPENTANCE** is merely **CAMOUFLAGE**

**BEARING FRUIT** is a **PROCESS**