

NEHEMIAH

“FROM BUILDING TO GUARDING”

(HAVING SOMETHING OF VALUE)

Nehemiah 6:15 - 7:3

Lesson #7

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REVIEW:

A. Helping and Hurting the Enemy Nehemiah 6:15-19

- 1) The world around, as well as the enemies, noticed.
- 2) They became disheartened. Was it because...
- 3) There is correspondence between those nobles (supposedly behind the wall project) and the enemy of the wall!
- 4) The letters, pledges, and family ties are what moved the nobles to speak well of someone who was evil and an enemy of Jerusalem and God's people.
- 5) These things moved them more than God, His word, and the love they should have for God's people.
- 6) So there are a number of people trying to SERVE TWO MASTERS

B. Standing Guard Nehemiah 7:1-3

- 1) Hanani was Nehemiah's brother, and the one who first told him of the conditions in Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 1:2)
- 2) The sun hot would seem to be a later time than normal for opening a city.
- 3) Probably not a convenient policy and thus not a popular one.

- 4) We have gone from living with the disrepair (over 100 years) to all out effort to build, to now needing to post guards and have gate policies.
- 5) Not needed in an open city and also not a place for things of great value.
- 6) Nehemiah has to get the people to see value in giving effort for something they have not needed.
- 7) Christians face a similar situation.

APPLICATION:

C. Things of Value

3 methods used to protect things of value

- 1) HIDDEN
- 2) SECURED Psalms 119:11
- 3) GUARDED
Romans 5:12, 1 Peter 5:8, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Proverbs 4:23