

BUILDING WALLS

Nehemiah 4:6

The walls of Jerusalem had been utterly destroyed. The Temple also had been destroyed – (Ezra). The theme of these two books, Ezra and Nehemiah, is the restoration of divine worship and the restoration or revival of God's people. If God's people do not have revival there can be no true divine worship.

I Corinthians 10:11 As we will see, the building of the wall and the Temple in Jerusalem were intended as object lessons for believers of the New Testament Church of Jesus Christ.

BUILD WELL

II Corinthians 6: 14-18; Joshua 23:6-8 As the Temple speaks of the place of divine worship and sacrifice, the walls represent both the security of God's people and also that which separates the people of God from the influence and enemies of God's people.

Matthew 7:24-27 As God's people in the N. T. church we are to be careful to build our spiritual wall with full obedience on the foundation of God's direction from His holy word.

I Corinthians 3:9-13 The spiritual wall we build must be built with full conviction of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and every brick and plank that we build with will be tried in this life and eternity.

Ephesians 2:19-22 As members of the body of Christ we are not only to build walls for ourselves and family, but are co-workers together with the brethren of the church to help build Christ's church.

Colossians 2:6-8; Jude 20-21 The wall we build is an ongoing work of sanctification to be set apart by God as a vessel for His service. Being 'built up in Him' means we continue to grow.

BUILD FOR DEFENSE

Ephesians 6:11-12 The wall around Jerusalem gave the Jews protection from their outside enemies. Our wall is for spiritual protection and a defense against those that would ruin the people of God.

Nehemiah 6:2-4; I Corinthians 2:11 Nehemiah's enemies continued to try and trick him into leaving the building project. Today God's people are constantly being duped by that old serpent the devil.

Proverbs 25:28; I Corinthians 6:12 We must be constantly building self control as our testimony for Christ can be lost in a moment of time. Our talk, our walk, and our entire life style is on display.

Nehemiah 4:17; II Cor. 10:4; II Pt. 1:3 In order to build the walls of Jerusalem God had given the Jews all the resources needed along with instructions to be ready with weapons to fight their enemy. God has given the believer everything we need to fight the good fight of faith if we will stand for Him.

BUILD TOGETHER

Nehemiah 2:17-18; I Corinthians 3:9 Nehemiah knew that he could not build the walls by himself. Christianity is not a spectator sport. In order to get the job done for Christ we must all work together.

II Cor. 5:7; Gal. 6:17; Luke 9:62 When we decide to live by faith and begin to build spiritual walls we must realize right away that there will be a cost involved. Spiritual sacrifice always requires a cost.

Nehemiah 4:6; John 17:21-23 The unity that the Jews had in building the wall and the High Priestly prayer of Jesus teaches us that together God's program can be done with a great testimony for God.

Philippians 4:13; I Peter 2:4-5 When we realize that God is for us and He supplies the needs and gives us the ability to do all the things He wants from us, then we will be able to worship, sacrifice, and glorify Him according to His good pleasure.