Nehemiah 6

In the last chapter, Nehemiah had to deal with the complaints that came from within, among the Jews. Some were taking advantage of others and were violating the law to make profit. Nehemiah's leadership and convictions straightened these abuses.

Nehemiah's common Prayer

- Chapter 5 ends with: "Remember me, O my God, for good..." (5:19).
- This is how the book ends: "...Remember me, O my God, for good" (13:31)
 - In order for God to remember one for the good that they have done, they must have done good

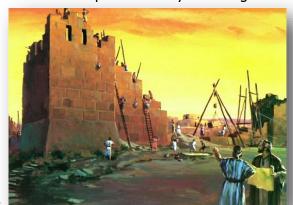
Nehemiah personally. Three attacks are made:

- Compromise (1-4)
- Rumors (5-9)
- Caught doing wrong (10-14)
 - Take out the leaders and the rest will scatter
- B. The walls are completed in 52 days (6:15)

Meeting on the Plains of Ono (1-4)

- Ono was about 25 miles NW of Jerusalem on the border of Samaria and Ashdod. This meeting would pull Nehemiah away from the work and away from the safety of others
 - "Come, let us meet"(2) seems like an innocent invitation
 - Temptation is often the strongest when we are alone
 - The work of God is much to great to stop and chit chat with the enemy

- A. The Sixth Chapter brings the enemy (Sanballat & Tobiah) back around. They are acting like pesky mosquitos that won't go away.
 - 1. All that remained in the building project was to set up the gates. The work was nearly completed, and the enemy intensifies the efforts to stop the work by attacking



Nehemiah Recognized Three Things:

- (1) They were the _____(1)
- (2) They were planning to ______ Nehemiah (2)
- (3) They wanted the work to _____(3)

Spreading False Rumors (5-9)

- 1. Two rumors were spread:
 - You are planning on rebelling against Persia. You are seeking Jewish independence.
 - You are planning to be the king. This would taint the purpose of rebuilding the walls
 - "Come now, let us take counsel together" (7)

Characteristics of Rumors:

- The ______ is never revealed
 Filled with _____ and
- 3. They are intended to ______ personally and destroy one's
- 4. They are spread by those who want to see you _____



Nehemiah Recognized Two Things:

(1) They _____ up these rumors (8)
(2) They were trying to ____ us (9)

	Helping the Enemy (10-14)	Nehemiah Recognized Four Things:	
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1 (Shemaiah wanted Nehemiah to hide in the Temple. He	(2) God had not Shemaiah (12) (3) Shemaiah had been paid off by the	
1	sounded as if he was there to help, but he was	(12)	
	really trying to hurt	(4) They wanted a reason to attack Nehemiah's	
	, , 3	(13)	
	Only the was to enter within the Temple		
	(Num 18:7)		
- King Uzziah entered the temple to burn incense and was stricken with leprosy as a punish		vas stricken with leprosy as a punishment	
	(2 Chron 26:16-21) - Nehemiah knows this message is NOT from God because the Lord would not encourage wrong		
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2. N	ehemiah prays to God (14)		
	Letters to Frighten (17-19)		
1. There seems to be an on going correspondence between those in Jerusalem and Tobiah			
	- through marriage, Tobiah was related to some and contracts and business dealings were taking		
	place The lower were reporting the good things the enemy was doing		
- The Jews were reporting the good things the enemy was doing 2. Tobiah's letters were intended to frighten Nehemiah			
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Т	he Completed Walls Discouraged the Enemy (15-16)	
- The work was completed quickly			
	- The work was accomplished by God		
	- Jerusalem was now safe and secure		
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	ESSONS LEARNED:		
1.	The attacks of Satan and our enemies are r		
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4.	Leaders must understand that Satan has his		
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	Some people without any remorse		
	. K God and what He expects of you	, helps you s the course	
	Leaders must know when to say ""	. ,	

12. Not all rumors are ______ side we are on

14. Our accomplishments are through the ______ of God