

Ezra-Nehemiah Part 12

Major Theme

Stay focused on what God has called you to do

Two important verses to begin

“And no wonder! For Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.” // 2 Corinthians 11:14 (CSB)

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.” // Ephesians 6:12 (CSB)

Resisting Overt Opposition - Nehemiah 6:1-9

“Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.” // 1 Peter 5:8 (CSB)

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.” // Matthew 6:33 (CSB)

“The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’” // Luke 7:34 (CSB)

“In fact, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” // 2 Timothy 3:12 (CSB)

“to slander no one, to avoid fighting, and to be kind, always showing gentleness to all people.” // Titus 3:2 (CSB)

“The Lord’s servant must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient, instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth. Then they may come to their senses and escape the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.” // 2 Timothy 2:24-26 (CSB)

Resisting Covert Opposition - Nehemiah 6:10-14

Matthew 4:1-11

Perseverance to the End - Nehemiah 6:15-19

Again, as happens throughout Ezra-Nehemiah trouble happens as a result of God’s people participating in marriage with those of another faith.

“Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don’t give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.” // Galatians 6:9-10 (CSB)