

The Path to Restoration Hindrances and Setbacks Nehemiah 4

Introduction

In Chapter 4, Nehemiah describes how opposition tried to halt the work of restoring the walls of Jerusalem. It also reminds us that there will be hindrances and setbacks whenever you devote yourself to a project's success.

1. Chapter 4 reminds us that you can count on facing strong _____ whenever you try to accomplish anything significant for the Lord.
2. Satan never bothers with half-hearted people content with _____. They actually help him with his plan.
3. The name "Satan" means "_____."
4. In our Christian life, we will face _____.
5. God's will is for you to grow strong in faith and experience _____, and facing opposition is a part of that process.
6. To mount a successful defense, you must be aware of the _____ your enemy uses.
7. Nehemiah gives us a firsthand look at opposition and how we should _____ to it.

I. Every Plan That Glorifies God Will Face Opposition

Chapter 4 reveals six types of opposition:

8. **(1) THE _____ OF OTHERS AGAINST YOU.**

9. In Chapter 4, Sanballat and Tobiah openly _____ the work of God.

10. **(2) MOCKERY AND _____.**

11. As builders, the Jews were _____.

12. Nehemiah and the workers had _____ permission to build the walls, so Sanballat and Tobiah had no real authority to stop the work.

13. **(3) THREATS AND _____.**

14. The enemy used threats of _____ (4:8, 11), which they circulated among the Jews living near them (4:12).

15. **(4) DISCOURAGEMENT AND _____.**

16. It's easy to let you _____ lead you to discouragement.

17. **(5) _____**

18. There is criticism and mockery in verse 2, but in verse 12, the negativity comes with a _____.

19. Negativity is a great enemy of _____.

20. **(6) _____**

21. Nehemiah saw their fear and urged them to remain _____.

22. Nehemiah responds to the enemy's opposition with prayer, diligent work, vigilance, and a complete focus upon the _____.

II. Every Opposition To God's Plan Can Be Overcome.

23. Nehemiah's approach: They lifted their voices in _____; they put their hearts into the work; they kept their eyes on the enemy in vigilance, and they kept their minds focused on the Lord in faith.

24. **(1) THEY LIFTED THEIR VOICES IN _____.**

25. **(2) THEY PUT THEIR _____ INTO THE WORK.**

26. **(3) THEY KEPT THEIR EYES ON THE ENEMY IN _____.**

27. **(4) THEY KEPT THEIR MINDS FOCUSED ON THE _____.**

28. Some were _____ because they focused on the enemy's threats, the piles of rubble, and all the work left to do.

29. Nehemiah put his trust in _____ and kept moving forward.

30. He didn't:

- Give up and go home.
- Panic or go into _____.
- Cease working.
- Try to Negotiate or make a pact with the enemy.
- Send messages to the _____, asking for more help.

31. When you're under spiritual _____, it's easy to think that just enduring the storm is the victory.
32. The victory is in not only enduring the attack but in continuing the _____ and work, you're doing for the LORD.
33. All the workers had a sword at their side and a _____ in their hands to get the work done.

Conclusion

34. We must be ready to _____ our faith while we do the work of the Lord.

Nehemiah prayed first, but then he kept up with the work and remained vigilant against the enemy. That's how we keep our focus on the great and awesome God we serve. And that's how, in the end, we will be successful to the glory of God!

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| 1. Opposition | 16. Weariness | 31. Attack |
| 2. Mediocrity | 17. Negativity | 32. Progress |
| 3. Adversary | 18. Vengeance | 33. Trowel |
| 4. Conflict | 19. Faith | 34. Defend |
| 5. Success | 20. Fear | |
| 6. Tactics | 21. Strong | |
| 7. Respond | 22. Lord | |
| 8. Anger | 23. Prayer | |
| 9. Ridicule | 24. Prayer | |
| 10. Sarcasm | 25. Hearts | |
| 11. Feeble | 26. Vigilance | |
| 12. Legal | 27. Lord | |
| 13. Intimidation | 28. Discouraged | |
| 14. Violence | 29. God | |
| 15. Exhaustion | 30. Hiding, King | |