

**HOW CAN WE KEEP FROM BEING OVERCOME BY THE ENEMIES' ATTACKS?
RESISTING SATAN'S SCHEMES --- PART 2
Nehemiah 4:7-23**

- I. **REALIZE SATAN USES PEOPLE TO TRY TO DESTROY YOU when you are doing the Lord's will: Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, Ammonites, Ashdodites furious about the wall repairs conspire to fight against and disturb Jerusalem (7-8)**

- II. **PRAY ABOUT THE SITUATION AND BE ON GUARD AT ALL TIMES: Nehemiah and the people prayed and set up a guard against their enemies, day and night (9)**

- III. **DON'T FEAR or be discouraged by what you hear, BUT REMEMBER THE LORD who is great and awesome and then FIGHT AND WORK because the Lord is on your side (10-15)**
 - A. **'The word on the street...'** (10-12)
 1. The enemies within were spreading falsehood (10)
 2. The enemies without were planning a deadly sneak attack and the Jews hear about it (11-12)

 - B. **Nehemiah's response:** The people stationed and encouraged to not fear, but remember the Lord and fight (13-14)

 - C. **The enemy's response** to God's frustration of their evil plans, **motivates the people** to get back to work (15)

- IV. **THEN DO THE LORD'S WORK WITH YOUR WEAPONS READY, TRUSTING HIM to fight for you (16-23)**
 - A. **Work with your weapons ready** and God will fight for you (16-18)

 - B. **Work together** and God will fight for us (19-20)

 - C. **Plan wisely** for a ready defense (21-23)