

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK!

Lessons from the Book of Nehemiah

Building and Battling: The Struggle of Spiritual Warfare—Part 2

(Nehemiah 4:1-23)

CENTRAL TRUTH OF THIS CHAPTER: Any time that you start to rebuild something that is broken, you will find yourself in the middle of **REAL** and **RECURRING** spiritual warfare.

CRITICAL FACT: The Christian life is not a **PLAYGROUND**; it is a **BATTLEGROUND**.

This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.

Ephesians 6:12 (MES)

I. THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Truth: The more **SERIOUS** you are about fixing something that is broken, the more **INTENSE** the opposition will become in its efforts to **STOP** you.

The Progression

- A. **Phase 1: The enemy gets stirred up.**
See Nehemiah 2:10
- B. **Phase 2: Organized and vocal opposition**
See Nehemiah 2:19
- C. **Phase 3: Open warfare that has as its aim the destruction of the work of rebuilding.**
See Nehemiah 4:7, 11

II. THE RANGE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- A. The enemy will belittle your _____.
- B. The enemy will attack your _____.
- C. The enemy will mock your _____.
- D. The enemy will ridicule your _____.
- E. The enemy will question your _____.
- F. The enemy will magnify your _____.
- G. The enemy will use _____ to _____ you.

III. THE RESULTS OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

IV. THE RESPONSE TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE