

## DEALING WITH OPPOSITION

Nehemiah 4

### I. The Source of the Opposition

Sanballat - a Persian satrap (governor)

Tobiah - Towbiyah - goodness of Jehovah

When God says \_\_\_\_\_ Satan will \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7)

### II. The Tactics of Opposition

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-3)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.6-8)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.11-12)

### 2 Characteristics of Rumors (vv.11-12)

1. They are always spread by those

2. They are \_\_\_\_\_ the more they are repeated

Two Goals of the Opposition: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.8) and

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.11) the work of God

### III. The Effect of Opposition (vv. 10-11)

The Effect: \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6)  
This usually occurs in a project about \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6)

### 4 Causes of Discouragement (vv.10-11)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ "strength ... giving out"

2. \_\_\_\_\_ "so much rubble"

3. \_\_\_\_\_ "we cannot rebuild"

4. \_\_\_\_\_

*Meanwhile, our enemies were planning to swoop down upon us and kill us, thus ending our work. Nehemiah 4:11 (TLB)*

### IV. The Right Response to Opposition

What do you do when you're under attack?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 4-5)

(David Prayed) *O God, shatter their teeth in their mouth Psalm 58:6*

2. Pray: Then \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 9)

(Jesus) *"Watch and pray" ... Matthew 26:41 (KJV)*

Reality: Sometimes you have to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time (vv.16-18)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.13- 14)

If God got us \_\_\_\_\_ it then God will have to get us \_\_\_\_\_ it

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 16-18)

The \_\_\_\_\_ never changes

But \_\_\_\_\_ change all the time

5. Refuse \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 15)