**“REMEMBER THE LORD, WHO IS GREAT AND AWESOME”**

Nehemiah 4:1-23 (key verse 14)

*After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”*

**Introduction[[1]](#footnote-1)**

1. How did Sanballat and Tobiah mock, ridicule and despise the Jews who rebuilt the wall? (4:1,3; 2:10,19) Why were they opposed to the rebuilding of the wall? How did Nehemiah respond to the opposition? (4-5) Then with what attitude did they continue to rebuild the wall? (6)
2. How did their enemies feel about this and what did they do? (7-8) Meanwhile, what did the people of Judah (10) their enemies (11) and the Jews who lived near them (12) say? How might all this negative talk have affected the builders’ attitude?
3. Then what did Nehemiah and the builders do? (9, 13) How did Nehemiah strengthen the people? (14) What happened when they people remembered the Lord who fights for them? (15)
4. What was their new strategy to rebuild the wall? (16-21) With what attitude did they execute this new strategy? (22-23) What can we learn in this passage about overcoming opposition to do the work of God?

1. How nice it would be if they finished the rebuilding project without any opposition. But God’s people must know that there is no smooth ride in God’s work because Satan also works very hard to oppose it. Whenever the saints say, 'Let us arise and build,' the enemy says, 'Let us arise and oppose.' There is no triumph without trouble. There is no victory without vigilance. This chapter recounts several forms of opposition and how Nehemiah encouraged the people to stay the course. Mainly he told them to remember the Lord, who is great and awesome……..and who fights for them! Then they were strengthened in their faith and with a strong fighting spirit overcame growing opposition to rebuilding the wall. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)