

## **Fifty-Two Days' Work<sup>1</sup>**

Nehemiah 6:15

### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. To draw a circumference of fortifications of such dimensions in such a short time was a great engineering feat.
2. The pluck, decision, promptness, laborious industry, and dispatch of such a task are stimulating to read.
3. Let us, however, make a parable of the story.
4. The circling year furnishes us with fifty-two special days.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **I. How quickly they pass!**

- A. To a child, the movement from Sunday to Sunday is slow, but to a worn, worried, work-wearied man/woman, the week is but a quick flash of days.
- B. Soon we pass through fifty-two.

#### **II. What opportunities they furnish!**

- A. Opportunities of rest
- B. Opportunities of spiritual fellowship
- C. Opportunities of divine instruction
- D. Opportunities of renewal
- E. Opportunities of refreshing hope

#### **III. What results they leave!**

- A. In memory
  1. Truths taught
  2. Memories cherished
- B. In life
  1. If improved, then fortification against the world, the flesh, and the devil
  2. If unimproved, then a hardening of the moral sense
- C. For judgment
  1. Condemnation, if abused
  2. Safety, if used

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Thank God for the days of days!
2. Determine to make proper use of these fifty-two days.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Preacher's Complete Homiletic Commentary on the Book of Nehemiah*. Booth, Goodman, and Gregory, eds. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, reprinted, 1974), pp. 162, 163.