

## High Men in Low Places

Nehemiah 3

### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. Re: Class Warfare
  - a. Men often build walls between class and class.
  - b. With common resolve to reach a common goal, men break down all barriers to stand side by side.
2. To rebuild the Jerusalem wall, priests (vv. 1, 22, 28) stood with goldsmiths (jewelers, vv. 8, 31, 32), perfumers (v. 8), Levites (v. 17), rulers (vv. 9, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19), temple servants (v. 26), and merchants (v. 32).
3. We make too much of distinctions.
  - a. One God created us.
  - b. One cross redeems us.
  - c. One Spirit inspired men.
  - d. The same book teaches us.
  - e. One devil tempts us.
  - f. Similar sorrows confront us.
  - g. A common grave awaits us.
  - h. The same heaven is open to us.

### **DISCUSSION: Remember...**

- I. **With honor comes responsibility.**
  - A. You are only a steward (cf. 1 Cor. 4:1, 2).
  - B. What do you have?
    1. Wealth? Feed the poor.
    2. Wisdom? Teach the ignorant.
    3. Position? Give a hand to the fallen.
  - C. Cf. Romans 12:6-8.
- II. **We must not be deceived by appearances.**
  - A. It is not what a man *has* but what a man *is* that determines his worth.
  - B. It is the *cause*, not the suffering, that makes one a martyr.
  - C. The motive decides the action.
- III. **There is a future.**
  - A. The thought of the future gives courage and patience.
  - B. Look at Jesus “who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross...” (Heb. 12:2).
  - C. Think of Moses who “was looking to the reward” (Heb. 11:26).

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. God has promised that His workers will be rewarded in due time (cf. Matt. 10:42; Gal. 6:9).
2. God expects us to have faith in His faithfulness (cf. Heb. 10:23).