

## Lessons from Nehemiah

Nehemiah 5, 6

1. The devil never gives up. Forces of opposition are persistent.
2. One has no right to cease (or to interrupt) the work of the Lord to listen to or to consider the propositions of those who would destroy the Lord's work.
3. Nehemiah's ability to "see through" the schemes of his enemies was remarkable.
4. When others attempt to get us to compromise the work or teachings of the Lord, let us be plain, positive, and decisive as was Nehemiah.
5. The fact that some report is being circulated does not guarantee the accuracy of that report.
6. The enemies of Nehemiah (and of God's people) knew well what the consequences would be if they could just cause Nehemiah (and God's people) to be filled with fear.
7. The devil and his emissaries often seek...
  - a. To intimidate us,
  - b. To cause us to be afraid, and
  - c. To entice us to violate God's law (cf. 6:11).
8. Like Shemaiah, some who "appear" to be friends of God's people are actually seeking their destruction.
9. One should note well the dedication and persistence of Nehemiah. He would not be deterred from his work. He "finished" the wall.
10. There is no limit to what can be done by God's people when they "have a mind to work."