



RE:BUILDING

Good Work

Sunday 1st March 2026

Nehemiah 3:1-12

Are you ready to do the good work of the gospel, the good work of ministry, the good work of serving through this, your church?

1 In **Nehemiah 2:18**, we read,

they strengthened their hands for the good work

Today, come to the Saviour to ask Him for strength so you can be strengthened to do His good work.

So that we can set ourselves right at the outset of this message, let us ask as Paul did in **Acts 22:10**,

And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?'

Paul remembers how Jesus replied,

And the Lord said to me, 'Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.'

Tell me, the Jesus who saved you and redeemed you, what has he told you to do? And...are you doing it?

3 **What has He put in your heart to do?** Will you take and live by the precious words of your Saviour, or will you drift down the broad path that whispers empty promises of fulfilment away from Jesus?

4 Now to Nehemiah – who were these re-builders? **Nehemiah 3:1**,

Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel

5 The first to rise up is the high priest. Our greater high priest is Jesus of whom it is written in **Hebrews 4:14**,

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

the one who intercedes for us the first to rise from the dead. Paul says in **1 Corinthians 15:20**,

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But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

He rose to the work the Father led him to. You have been raised from the dead to put your hands to the good work of ministry.

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Who else joins the risen high priest? **Nehemiah 3:1** tells us,

with his brothers the priests

If God should speak to your heart to speak for him and serve him through a higher calling **you had better be ready for work.**

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And then we get to **Nehemiah 3:5** and we find a group unwilling to put their hands to the good work.

And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord.

Is the work of the church and the ministry of the gospel beneath you? Is it too low for you to stoop to stand with your brothers and sisters? The New Testament never mentions bystanders, brainstormers, or bosses as any kind of spiritual gift the Lord cares to have in his church.

The world is full of these types, but what kind of person did Jesus instruct us to pray the Lord would send in **Matthew 9:38**?

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therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Labourers. God's field needs no other kind of worker except those who will work and labour for the gospel. **The labourers are to go INTO the harvest.** You have to spend time with those the Lord is going to save, if they will be saved at all. The farmer must enter the field to harvest.

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In **Nehemiah 3:7** another kind is called and moved,

And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, the seat of the governor of the province Beyond the River.

These men lived under the governor of a different area. Wherever we have come from, whichever earthly authority might rule the affairs of this lifetime, the call of God is to do the good work under a higher authority – Jesus Christ. The Bible says in **Ephesians 1:20-21**,

that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

14 Then in **Nehemiah 3:8**,

Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.

15 Many of you have skills that seem unrelated to the good work ministry, so you excuse yourself. Five loaves and two fish were never enough for the task until they were touched by the hands of the Saviour. Why do you resist His touch over your gifts. **For what greater purpose are you holding them back?**

16 And then in **Nehemiah 3:12**,

Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his daughters.

The good work of the kingdom of God is for you and your children. Teach them to serve as you serve, because that is where the Lord will train labourers for the harvest of the next generation.

17 **None is too old too young too important or too unimportant to be useful in his church.**

18 Paul wrote in **2 Timothy 4:11**,

Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

19 Aim to be VERY useful in the ministry of this church? Do you hear the words of Jesus from **Luke 9:62**,

Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Are you fit for purpose? Are you looking back, like the Israelites or like Lot's wife, longing the comforts of Egypt or Sodom?

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Or will you look forward as Paul said in **Philippians 3:13-14**,

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

He didn't think he had arrived. He knew that behind him was unfinished business of yesterday. And ahead of him the Finisher of his faith.