



RE:BUILDING

The Help of Our God

Sunday 7th June 2026

Nehemiah 6:16-19

1 **Nehemiah 6:16** tells us,

And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.

A glancing read of this verse and some of you might suppose, if only I could accomplish something great just like Nehemiah, then my enemies, the doubters, the haters, the naysayers would finally be quiet.

2 But let us read again, 'when all our enemies heard of it' – **God is in the business of leading His people to do far greater things than they could ever imagine.** The completion of the wall in 52 days was beyond anyone's expectation or imagination.

It was so great that all the surrounding nations (far greater in number and power than little Israel) 'fell greatly in their own esteem' – their sense of self-worth and self-importance fell through the floor. But it was not the wall alone that caused this. **The wall was the evidence of someone far greater than they could comprehend.** The phrase 'with the help of our God' is not some minor acknowledgment that Nehemiah was 99% there but he just needed a little 1% from God.

4 Without God we have nothing as **John 1:3** says,

without him was not any thing made that was made.

Without Him I am nothing. But unbelieving people will always try and credit you especially if means not crediting God. Read **Acts 3:11-12**,

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's.¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?

Peter was quick to redirect their astounded minds to the God who did what he could not.

And that should be our response. It's not me, it's the God in me. It's not me it's the gospel in me. It's not me, it's Christ through me. It's not my love, it's His love.

6 **The goal of our ministry to others is never to make any name for ourselves but to lift up the Name of Jesus.** As He Himself said in **John 12:32**,

7 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

Even Jesus withdrew from attention that focused on what was said and done rather than the identity of WHO had done it. There was a time when His disciples, realising He was the promised Messiah, were told to tell no one. Look at this in **Luke 9:20-22**,

8 Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one,²² saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

In verse 20, Peter declares who Jesus truly is. In verse 21 Jesus commanded His disciples not to tell anyone. In verse 22 he explains why, by giving a synopsis of who the gospel will practically become a reality.

Jesus did not want or need His disciples to hinder the fullness of the true gospel becoming known.

9 Jesus, the light of the world, had to get up to the cross, so that all people would be drawn to Him. Jesus said in **Matthew 5:14**,

A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Christian your light cannot shine brighter, but it can shine further. And you ask but how? You carry the light of Christ wherever you go. So when God called Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, a city, literally on a hill, everyone could see.

10 **The walls did not cause the nations to applaud Nehemiah but to fear the God who helped Him.** God has always met His people on the mountains of sacrifice. When we give back to Him everything He has given us on the altar on the mountain of the Lord, then He will multiply the work of our hands and bring

success so great that all around will see how the Lord has helped you and they give Him praise, and honour His Name.

11 Are you available for God to move through you and help you do what you have no chance doing on your own?

12 Some of you are scared of heights. You shouldn't be. Listen to the prophet **Habakkuk 3:19**,

God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

Some of you have spent years doing and doing and doing all sorts of good things for the Lord and yet it still seems so fruitless.

13 Some of you have a dream of what you want to do for the Lord. You need to stop! **Your dreams need to go on the altar** and you need your God who answers with fire, to bring fire on your dream and whatever is left THAT's what you take up and go do.

14 Just because you've been fishing and caught nothing all these years does not mean you are not going to catch something. Listen to Jesus in **John 21:5-6** after Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing,

Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

He said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.". Not follow your heart, or follow your dreams, or follow your gut. Follow Me says Jesus. Today! Says Jesus.

When you follow Jesus, you will see how small your dreams had become and big your God truly is.