

Colossians (ESV)

23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.



Deuteronomy 15:10-11

You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'

AM I PART OF SOMETHING GREAT?





Nehemiah

LET US RISE UP
AND BUILD

BJ's Pretty Good Recap (BJPGRV)

1. Babylonians destroy Jerusalem –Israelites taken captive
2. Persians destroys the Babylonian Empire
3. God uses the Persian King to send Zerubbabel (an Israelite) back to Jerusalem to begin rebuilding the temple
4. God uses another Persian King to send back Ezra (an Israelite) to continue the work
5. Nehemiah is a cupbearer to the next Persian king and bravely requests to go Jerusalem to rebuild it's walls
6. Nehemiah is granted permission and get's started. The local governors and nobles are not a fan of his success and plot to stop him.

Nehemiah 6:1-2 (ESV)

Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), ²Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm.

Nehemiah 6:3-5 (ESV)

And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner. In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand.

Nehemiah 6:6-7 (ESV)

In it was written, "It is reported among the nations, and Geshem also says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall. And according to these reports you wish to become their king. And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, 'There is a king in Judah.' And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together."

Nehemiah 6:8-9 (ESV)

Then I sent to him, saying, "No such things as you say have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind." For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done." But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

Nehemiah 6:10-11 (ESV)

Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night." 11 But I said, "Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in."

Nehemiah 6:12-14 (ESV)

And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me. Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid.

Nehemiah 6:15-17 (ESV)

So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. 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. Moreover, in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them.

Nehemiah 6:18-19 (ESV)

For many in Judah were bound by oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah: and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as his wife. Also they spoke of his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid.

3 Attacks

1. False offer of friendship

- Nehemiah 6:1-2
- Jesus-Judas Iscariot

2. Open slander and mocking

- Nehemiah 6:5-7
- Jesus-Matthew 27:29 "all hail the king of the Jews"

3. Invitation to defile God

- Nehemiah 6:10-11
- Jesus-Matthew 4:9 "

3 IMPORTANT LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH 6

1. GOD HAS A GREAT PLAN FOR YOU

Nehemiah 6:3 (ESV)

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**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOUR**





**ARE YOU A PART
OF SOMETHING
GREAT?**

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1. GOD HAS A GREAT PLAN FOR YOU
2. PRAY FOR COURAGE AND STEADFASTNESS NOT JUST RELIEF

Nehemiah 6:9 (ESV)

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2 Chronicles 26:16-17 (ESV)

But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the Lord his God and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. But Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of the Lord who were men of valor,

2 Chronicles 26:18 (ESV)

and they withstood King Uzziah and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the Lord God

2 Chronicles 26:19-20 (ESV)

Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the Lord, by the altar of incense. And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they rushed him out quickly, and he himself hurried to go out, because the Lord had struck him.

2 Chronicles 26:21-22 (ESV)

And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and being a leper lived in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of the Lord. And Jotham his son was over the king's household, governing the people of the land. Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz wrote

2 Chronicles 26:21-23 (ESV)

And Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the burial field that belonged to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." And Jotham his son reigned in his place.

3 IMPORTANT LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH 6

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2. PRAY FOR COURAGE AND STEADFASTNESS NOT JUST RELIEF
3. GOD'S POWER CANNOT BE DENIED

Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NLT)

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A dirt path leads towards a sunset with trees and a bright sun. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The path is flanked by green grass and trees. The overall scene is peaceful and inviting.

Celebrate Easter

WHO CAN YOU INVITE?

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Are
COMMON
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**YOU ARE NEEDED! WHAT'S YOUR PIECE OF
THE WALL?**

