

# Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool

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**BUILD TO LAST - FIGHT TO WIN!!**

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## NEHEMIAH AND THE JEWS

### NEHEMIAH 2:17-20

<sup>17</sup> Then I said to them, “You see the bad situation that we are in—how Jerusalem is desolate *and* lies in ruins and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, and let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we will no longer be a disgrace.” <sup>18</sup> Then I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me and also about the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, “Let us arise up and build.” So they thoroughly supported the good *work*. <sup>19</sup> But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked us and regarded us with contempt and said, “What is this thing you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?” <sup>20</sup> I answered them, “The God of heaven [has appointed us for His purpose and] will give us success; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion, right, or memorial in Jerusalem.”

## Teaching Purpose

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Answers the question, “How should I understand this verse?” Is the passage dealing with a:

<b>S</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>S</b>
<u>Sin</u> to confess and forsake?	<u>Promise</u> to claim?	<del><u>Example</u> to follow?</del>	<u>Command</u> to obey?	<u>Situation</u> or <u>State of mind</u> to avoid before it develops into a sin?

## Sermonic Principle(s)

Answers the **Question**, “What’s in it, or What’s the take away for me?”

- 1) Nehemiah did NOT believe in a one-man ministry!
- 2) He understood the need for a Leader and He understood the need for GOD’S people to work together

## Sermonic Principle(s) – cont.

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- 3) He understood that every one of the LORD'S people has a part / role / job / place in THE LORD'S work
- 4) He understood the importance and the impact of the principle of COOPERATION!
- 5) Cooperation increases unity / effectiveness / and efficiency
- 6) Cooperation / unity / effectiveness / and efficiency in the BODY of CHRIST (the church) makes that church UNCONQUERABLE!!!

## **Action Point**

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Having heard and understood this teaching, answers the question,  
**“What should I do?”**

**LIVE LIKE IT!!!**

**SERVE LIKE IT!**

**WORK LIKE IT!**