

I. Nehemiah Had It Made in Life - Cupbearer to the King

- A. Place of honor
- B. Place of influence

II. Nehemiah Was in Touch with the Purpose of God

- A. Knew the Word of God
- B. Kept in touch with the situation in Jerusalem
- C. Knew the importance of prayer

III. Nehemiah's Response to the Bad News from Jerusalem

- A. Compassion - genuine concern for suffering
- B. Mercy - Nehemiah identified himself with the need and took action
 - 1. Prayed for four months
 - 2. Made a plan
 - 3. Sacrificed his personal comfort
- C. Courage - Spoke to the king about a personal burden

IV. Nehemiah's Approach to the Situation in Jerusalem

- A. Made careful assessment of the situation in Jerusalem
- B. Called the people to action based on the previous activity of God

C. Focused the attention of the people on the goal
- build the wall

1. Called them to commit - as he had done
2. Called them to sacrifice - as he had done

V. Nehemiah's Method of Handling Opposition

A. Against mocking

1. Encouragement
2. Prayer

B. Against genuine threat

1. Encourage
2. Pray
3. Prepare for action
 - a) Continuing to build
 - b) Ready to fight

C. Against division

1. Rebuked selfishness
2. Demanded sacrifice
3. Demonstrated sacrifices

D. Against deception

1. Kept the goal
2. Refused fear

VI. Nehemiah's Victory

- A. 52 days later the wall was built
- B. God sends revival