

SESSION THREE

BUILD A WALL

Nehemiah 2:11-18

I. Introduction

- A. We not only need to build a temple in our life, but we also need to build a wall.
- B. You need to protect the temple and your Christian walk.
- C. You need to protect your ability to get ahold of the presence of God.

II. The wall is our convictions and standards.

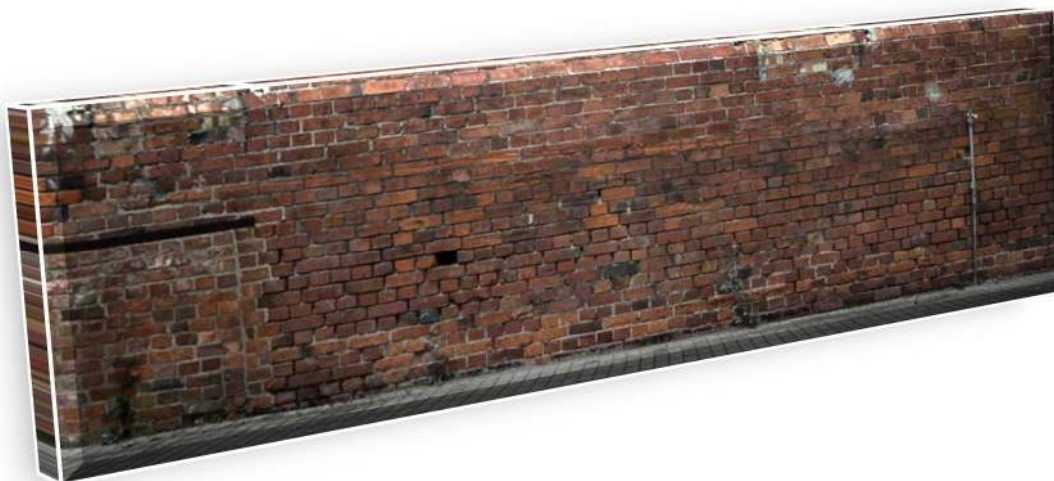
- A. If you have no _____, then you have no wall.
- B. If you have weak standards, then you have weak walls.
- C. Standards are the things or principles in our life that are there to protect us from falling away and from the enemy.

III. The Lord had them build the temple before He had them build the wall.

- A. Some build a wall, but there is no temple.
 - 1. This is someone living for the standards instead of the God of the standards.
 - 2. This will take your joy and make your Christian life vain and mechanical.
 - 3. You will lack love that you need for service.

IV. Nehemiah saw the need for a wall. 3:1

- A. Our eyes need to be on our temple if we are going to see the need for a wall.



V. Survey what walls need put up.

- A. Sometimes we need to take a fresh look at what walls we need to build or rebuild.

VI. _____ will come when you decide to build. 2:19, 4:10

- A. It will come from within and from without.
- B. Bring it before God as Nehemiah did.

VII. Have a mind to do it. 4:6

VIII. What walls do we need to build?

- A. The walls are there to protect, so put up protection for your spiritual life, your testimony, and your walk with God.
- B. There is a great attack against standards today.
- C. Standards are based on _____ drawn from Bible principles.
- D. If you see standards as hindering you or a burden, you have it all wrong!
 - 1. Spiritual people have standards, but what makes them spiritual is the temple/their walk with God!
- E. Bible principle: It is a shame for a man to have long hair.
 - 1. Conviction – I shouldn't have long hair.
 - 2. Standard – my hair will not touch my ears.
- F. Don't base standards on the current fads or trends – base them on Scripture!
- G. Use standards to build a wall against _____.
 - 1. Don't let wickedness become a source of entertainment.
 - 2. Follow the Bible standards on dress for your family.

IX. Conclusion

H. If we are going to escape the captivity of this world, if we are going to draw close to God, if we are going to be faithful to God, we must build a temple and a wall!

