

# **'Building Blocks of Faith Series'**

## **Sermons in the Book of Nehemiah**

### **Message 5 - 'Building a Lasting Work' Nehemiah 3**



Nehemiah motivated the people to get on with the work, and this chapter illustrates the different ways that the work progressed and some valuable life principles. Note the following:

**1. The Purpose of the Work** – We saw very clearly that the purpose of rebuilding the walls was the glory of God. In Nehemiah's appeal to the people and then also in continually re-affirming his priorities, He identifies his purpose as the glory of God, that Jerusalem and its people may no longer be a reproach to the Lord. Our sole purpose on the life and witness of this church, and in gospel work must be the glory of God.

**2. The Planning of the Work** – Nehemiah was a man with a plan, but also a man who worked his plan with the people. It was not a disorganised work, but very definitely thought through. God has set forth His plan for the local church in the New Testament very clearly, we must be a church that holds to that plan, who uphold the ordinary means of grace.

**3. The Personnel of the Work** – Nehemiah couldn't achieve the rebuilding of the walls without the work of the people. He couldn't do it on His own, neither could the people move forward without a leader. It was a cooperation to pursue the plan and purpose that God had given them. We saw that some worked harder than others, some did not work at all, some worked with zeal, yet all types of people were involved in the work. It is the same in the church of Christ, the same categories apply, yet there is a job for you to do for His glory. Are you willing?

**4. The Places of the Work** – We looked through some of the places of the work and their significance. The Sheep Gate in particular as it reminded us of the Lord Jesus Christ, the beginning and the end, the Lamb of God. It reminded us that the all Scripture speaks of Him, the Christ who died for sin, and sinner, the invitation is there to come to Jesus Christ, the living Saviour, who, by virtue of his atoning death, is able to forgive and save all those who put their trust in Him.



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**'Upholding the Ordinary Means of Grace'**

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