

The Workers on the Wall

Nehemiah 3:1-32 is a section of scripture that contains more than just a list of Jewish names. It is actually a record of those who labored on the wall of Jerusalem following the Babylonian captivity.

What can we learn from this record preserved by the Holy Spirit?

- **Nehemiah wasn't working by himself.**
 - They were many who put their hands to the work (Nehemiah 2:18).
 - In Nehemiah 3, we find a list of those who worked alongside Nehemiah.
 - There are at least 40 names mentioned. This doesn't include the names of priests and members of families.
 - It takes more than one person working for the cause of God to prosper!
 - God wants all disciples to be using their talents and abilities to do His work (1 Peter 4:10-11).
 - Every disciple has a work to do in the kingdom!

- **Every worker was important.**
 - There are 39 different places on the wall that were worked on.
 - Every one of those places was equally important. Every one of those places needed to be attended to and repaired.
 - This means that every person listed in the chapter was equally important in their work.
 - This same principle is true today.
 - Every worker in the kingdom of God today is equally important (Ephesians 4:11-12).
 - This is part of the reason why the church is referred to as a "body" (Romans 12:4-8). Is there any part of your body that you don't view as important?

- **The workers were zealous.**
 - Baruch was a great example of this (Nehemiah 3:20).
 - Many had to be like Baruch. Otherwise, how could they have accomplished this work in fewer than 52 days (Nehemiah 6:15)?
 - There were many passionate and enthusiastic workers!
 - We must follow in their footsteps (Romans 12:11).
 - If anything excites us, it should be the work of winning lost souls!
 - God's work is the most important in the world!

- **Not everyone did their part.**
 - We see this in Nehemiah 3:5. It is not clear why there were some who did not want to help. Maybe they were afraid or they did not believe in the work.
 - How should we respond to this same problem today?
 - We should never let these folks discourage and distract us.
 - We should urge them to join in because their talents are needed.

Conclusion: There is nothing more important than working for the Lord!

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