

Let Us Rise Up and Build

Text: Nehemiah 2:17-18

Introduction:

- A. Give the background of the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.
- B. This event holds great lessons for us. - Romans 15:4; Hebrews 12:22-23
- C. What lessons can we learn from the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem?
- I. The Jews overcame formidable obstacles to rebuild the walls. - Nehemiah 2:10,19-20; John 17:14
 - A. mockery - Nehemiah 4:1-3; Matthew 10:24-25
 - B. threat of war - Nehemiah 4:7-23; Jude 3
 - C. sin within the city - Nehemiah 3:5; 5:1-13; 1 Corinthians 5:6
 - D. compromise - Nehemiah 6:1-4,17-19; Ephesians 5:11
 - E. lies - Nehemiah 6:5-9; Matthew 5:11-12
 - F. temptation - Nehemiah 6:10-13; 1 Peter 3:16
- II. But Nehemiah and the Jews finished the walls! - Nehemiah 6:15-16
- III. How did they accomplish such a great task?
 - A. faith in God - Nehemiah 2:18; 6:16; Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 3:20-21; Hebrews 4:12
 - B. prayer (7 prayers of Nehemiah are recorded in these 6 chapters) - 1 John 5:14-15
 - C. A Will to Work - Nehemiah 2:18; 4:6; Titus 2:14

Conclusion:

- A. We have a great work to do in building up the Lord's church. - Nehemiah 6:3
- B. Let us rise up and build.