

Sermon Notes

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Serving God by Steering Clear of Trouble

Nehemiah 6:1-19

In life when a person becomes interested in the Gospel, the devil may _____ our faith search.

In our young Christian life when we put on the _____ of God to serve the Lord, the devil may sneak up and _____ us.

Ephesians 6:17 - "Take up the helmet of _____."

The Holy Spirit protects your mind from Satan's _____.

As a result a young Christian following truth will see _____ toward spiritual maturity.

Nehemiah 6:1 Nehemiah "rebuilt the wall, and no breach remained in it, although at this time he had not set up the doors in the gates."

This is a picture of a mature believer in Christ who has learned to _____ strong in the Lord.

Ephesians 6:12 "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood...but against the powers of this dark world."

The enemy's tactics in ch. 6

1. _____.

1 Peter 5:8 "Satan is _____ around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

Christian, "don't be absent minded. "Be _____, Be aware."

2. _____

2 Corinthians 11:14 The devil is _____ as an angel of light to _____ us that he is good and telling the truth, when in actuality he is a _____, and He is filled with hate.

How to know the difference between God and the devil:

Isaiah 8:20-22 "Look to God's instructions and teachings! People who contradict his _____ are completely in the dark."

Nehemiah 6:1-4: "... Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: 'Come, let us meet together in Hakkephirim, one of the villages on the plain of Ono.' But they were scheming to harm me; so I sent messengers to them with this reply: 'I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?' Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer."

The Valley of Ono was

Vs. 1-2 the **Valley Of** _____.

Vs. 3-4 the **Valley Of** _____

Vs. 7-12 the **Valley Of** _____

Nehemiah sensed "they were scheming to harm me." So he declined _____ different invitations.

"I am doing a _____ work.

A fifth time - but this came with a letter filled with false _____ and lies.

You are starting a _____ against the king.

Nehemiah 6:8: "I sent him this reply: 'Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head.'" "That is a lie. There is _____ in it."

Nehemiah 6:9: "They are all trying to frighten us, thinking, 'Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.' But I prayed, 'Now _____ my hands.'"

Psalm 56:7 "When I am afraid, I put my trust in You"

Look at Nehemiah 6:10-19. "One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was _____ at his home..."

Shemaiah: A _____ prophet claiming to have hidden knowledge.

He was "shut in" meaning shrouded behind _____ doors, with secret spiritual understanding.

Vs. 10 "There are some people out to kill you." Come on up here and we will go into the temple and _____ . They will not dare attack you there."

The Holy of Holies was reserved only for a _____. Nehemiah was _____ a priest.

vs. 11: "But I said, 'should a man like me run away? Or should one like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!'"

Vs. 12-13: "I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me."

Nehemiah 6:14: "Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, because of what they have done; remember also that prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets who have been trying to _____ me."

Nehemiah 6:15-16: "So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in _____ days. When all our enemies heard about this and all the surrounding nations saw it, our enemies lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God."

Nehemiah 6:17-18 "Also, in those days the nobles of Judah were sending many letters to Tobiah, and replies from Tobiah kept coming to them. For many in Judah were under oath to him, since he was son-in-law to Shecaniah son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam son of Berekiah."

What is happening? _____ between non-Jewish Tobiah and some Israelites.

Nehemiah 6:19: "Moreover, they kept reporting to me his good deeds and then telling him what I said. And Tobiah sent letters to _____ me."

Two take aways:

1. Say _____ to God.

2. Say _____ to the devil's schemes.