

Real Solutions - Nehemiah 3

We need more than New Year's Resolutions! We need Real Solutions. ***Nehemiah teaches us how to rebuild what is broken. We need strong walls around our lives, our families, our church, and our country.***

The real solution begins with building your life on the right foundation! ***1 Peter 2:7, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone."***

Once you have the right foundation, it's time to build the fortifications. ***Proverbs 25:28, "Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls."***

You will eventually live in captivity to the enemy if you fail to build strong walls personally. ***That was the destiny of an ancient city with broken walls. The enemy would come and "steal, kill and destroy" (John 10:10).***

Nehemiah had a vision that demanded divine intervention!

A vision that demands divine intervention requires maximum participation. ***Nehemiah 3 is a work roster of forty names representing thousands of people who worked together to rebuild the broken walls around Jerusalem.***

On Nehemiah's work roster...

There were those who did some work. ***Thousands of people, organized by their shared trade or their family units, worked on the wall. Most of them worked on the portion of the wall that was nearest to their own homes.***

There were those who did not work. ***Nehemiah 3:5, "Next to them the Tekoites made repairs; but their nobles did not put their shoulders to the work of their Lord."***

There was one who did a lot of work! ***Nehemiah 3:20, "After him Baruch the son of Zabbai carefully repaired the other section, from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest."***

The Hebrew word describing Baruch's work means "to blaze" or "to burn up"!

Baruch's name means "blessed." God blesses you so He can bless others through you!

In Nehemiah 3, building began at the Sheep Gate but ended at the Inspection Gate. ***Nehemiah 3:1, "Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests and built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and hung its doors."***
Nehemiah 3:31 "After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the Nethinim and of the merchants, in front of the Miphkad [Inspection] Gate..."

We will one day stand at the Inspection Gate, the Judgment Seat of Christ, where He will inspect our earthly lives and service to Him, rewarding us accordingly for all of eternity. ***Are you serving Jesus in a way that you are ready to see Him?***