

Scripture to read: Nehemiah 4:1-23**Holding on to faith and hope in every situation**

When Nehemiah and the other Jews started to rebuild the city, Sanballat and Tobiah the opponents came against them, to stop the prosperous growth of the people. When they saw the rebuilding of the wall they not only mocked but tried to stop the rebuilding as well. They even made plans to break down the walls and to fight against the workers who were rebuilding it. People who were sacrificially working towards the rebuilding of the wall were dismayed. Then the people of Judah began to complain, "There is so much rubble to be moved, and we are not able to work". Meanwhile, the enemies were saying, "Before they know what's happening, we will swoop down on them and kill them and end their work." In every situation Nehemiah sought the Lord and began to pray. Nehemiah was not discouraged to the mocking words of his opponents rather he prayed to the Lord and encouraged his people and said to them, "Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for yourself and for your children. Since the hand of the Lord was with them, his enemies were unable to do anything. But from then on, only half the men worked, while the other half stood as guards. Nehemiah gathered everybody together and made them work.

Question:

When situations were continually against them, and when all the people were dismayed, how did Nehemiah alone stand firm and strengthened the others?

Answer:

Our Lord, God is not a partial God. He loves to give his anointing, gifts, salvation and his grace to every person. In order to receive such blessing from the Lord, we as humans should have trust and faith in the Lord. Our Faith, trust and Love that we have upon the Lord will be revealed only during our times of trials and when people work against us. This faith, trust and Love that Nehemiah had for the Lord made him to first seek the Lord in his difficult times. In the midst of opposition this made him to stand firm. It also helped him to strengthen those who were dismayed and also enabled him to stand as an

excellent leader. Instead of trusting the Lord, the people were overwhelmed by the situation. Rather than trusting in the strength of the Lord they trusted in their weakness. The core reason for their distrust is "lack of Love for the Lord". Dear children of God, Is your desire to grown in hope and faith and come up as an excellent leader? Are you worried that you don't know how to come up? When you Love the Lord your God and worship the one who gave his life for you with all of your Heart, Mind and Strength. Those two things will automatically take place.

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

Prayer

Our Lord God who died on the cross of Calvary to redeemed us. We will always be grateful unto you.

We will be as children who will serve you Lord. Amen