

WALL TO WALL WORKERS

Nehemiah 3:1-32

I. The Purpose of the Work

- A. Nehemiah was concerned about only one thing, the glory of God.
- B. Rebuilding of the walls and the setting of the gates also protection and security for the people.

II. The Pattern of the Work

- A. Nehemiah was a leader who planned his work and worked his plan.
- B. "A great many people have got a false idea about the church," said evangelist D.L. Moody.
- C. The people finished this difficult task because they followed the same leader, kept their eyes on the same goal, and worked together for the glory of God.
- C. Significant factors
 - 1. The word *built* is used six times in Nehemiah 3 and **means "rebuilt."**
 - 2. The word *repair* is used thirty-five times; it means "to make strong and firm."

III. The People in the Work

- A. God uses all kinds of people.
- **B.** Leaders must set the example (Neh. 3:1).
- C. Some people will not work (Neh. 3:5).
- **D.** Some people do more work than others (Neh. 3:11, 19, 21, 24, 27, 30).
- E. Some work at home (Neh. 3:10, 23, 28–30).
- F. Some people work harder than others (Neh. 3:20).



IV. The Places of the Work

- **A.** The Sheep Gate (Neh. 3:1, 32).
- **B.** The Fish Gate (Neh. 3:3).
- C. The Old Gate (Neh. 3:6) is probably the Corner Gate (2 Kings 14:13; Jer. 31:38), located at the northwest corner of the city.
- **D.** The Valley Gate (Neh. 3:13) is where Nehemiah began his nocturnal investigation of the ruins of the city (2:13).
- **E.** The Dung Gate (Neh. 3:14) was located at the southernmost tip of the city, near the Pool of Siloam.
- F. The Fountain Gate (Neh. 3:15) was on the east wall, just north of the Dung Gate.
- **G.** The Water Gate (Neh. 3:26) led from the old City of David to the Gihon Spring, located adjacent to the Kidron Valley.
- *H.* "The Ophel" (Neh. 3:26–27) was a hill south of the temple area, between the Horse Gate and the Water Gate.
- I. The Horse Gate (Neh. 3:28) stood north of the Water Gate, adjacent to the temple area.
- **J.** The East Gate (Neh. 3:29) led directly to the temple and is probably what we know today as the Golden Gate.
- **K.** The Muster Gate (Hammiphkad) (Neh. 3:31) was located at the northeast corner of the city.

