

FINISH THE JOB

Nehemiah 6:1-19

Introduction

- In the last two chapters of Nehemiah, we have seen three forms of opposition, each of which threatened to defeat Nehemiah's plan to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem.
 - The first two were external and came from Nehemiah's pagan enemies: (1) opposition by ridicule and (2) opposition by the threat of violence.
 - Nehemiah overcame these by faith in God, courage, and practical wisdom.
 - The third form of opposition was internal. It was caused by greed, which resulted in oppression of the poor by Israel's wealthy classes.
 - Nehemiah overcame this problem by confronting the wrongdoers.

I. Intrigue – A Suspect Plot “let us meet together (6:1-4)**II. Innuendo - Slander (6:5-9)****III. Intimidation - Threats “they are coming to kill you (6:10-14)****IV. Incredulity – “wall was finished ... nobles sent letters to Tobiah (6:15-19)**