

How the Enemy Attacks the Work of God

Nehemiah 4:15-23; 5:1-6:19; 13:1-31

The two-fold work of repairing the wall

1. Expansion
(the work of building)
2. protection
(warfare against the enemy's wiles;
v15,20: "Our God will fight for us")

The attacks of the enemy

1. (5:1-12) relationships among the people within
2. (5:13-18) money and material things
3. (6:1-4) distraction and compromise
4. (6:5) lies and slander
5. (6:10-13) false prophets
6. (17-19) “the enemy of enemy is my friend”

The enemy's infiltration schemes

1. (13:4-5) backsliding and compromise (Tobiah)
2. (13:15-21) disobedience to God's command
3. (13:28) fellowship with evildoers (Sanballat)