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### Study 7: DIVINE PROTECTION

*Nehemiah 2:7-11*

Having obtained the king's approval Nehemiah set off for Jerusalem immediately. The enemies got wind of the plan, and being embittered by it they devised plans to thwart it. Every good course has had its opposition, but the believer can be sure of constant victory in every battle because underneath him / her are the everlasting arms. Nehemiah was not deterred by the wiles of the enemy because he knew the will of the God. Rather he applied the wisdom of the godly to achieve success in the venture.

#### 1. WILES OF THE FOE

Nehemiah 2:10,19; 4:1-3,7,8,11; 6:1-13; Ephesians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 2 Kings 6:8-12; Matthew 24:24

Many great projects have often passed through their times of severe testing before successful completion. The secret of Nehemiah's success is that he was well aware of the plans of the enemies. In like manner the believer is exhorted not to be ignorant of the devices of the devil. It is only knowledge of the truth that can set one free from the bondage, oppression and defeat of the devil (John 8:32). The devil capitalizes on using ignorance to keep his captives in bondage (Isaiah 30:10b), fear to ruin faith (Hebrews 2:15; 2 Timothy 1:7), compromise to undermine potentials (Judges 1:28; 2:1-3), disobedience to hinder blessings (2 Chronicles 36:21; Numbers 22; Ezekiel 14; Romans 1:19,21,24), carnality and impurity to weaken the spirit (Psalms 66:18). He presents sin in an attractive manner to lure the soul (Genesis 3:1-7), raises pride to ruin progress (Ecclesiastes 5:1), substitutes sham for reality, raises and magnifies problems in the way to obedience and service. The above confirms the truth of the scripture that God cannot be mocked, for whatever a man sows, that also shall he reap (Galatians 6:7); and that your sin will surely find you out (Numbers 32:23) – and these are not matters of “if” but “when”.

#### 2. WILL OF THE FATHER

Nehemiah 2:8,11; Joshua 1:5,6; Deuteronomy. 33:27; Psalms 27:2-6; Isaiah 25:4; 54:17; 59:19; Psalms 91; 1 Chronicle 16:20-22; Zechariah 2:8; 1 Peter 3:13; Romans 8:31; Colossians 3:3; Number 23:19,20; Revelation 3:9

Having known it was God's will for him to rebuild Jerusalem's wall, Nehemiah proceeded to Jerusalem not minding the grieves of the enemies. His encounter with enemies did not make him doubt the will of God. Through the infallible promises in the Bible we know that God has resolutely determined to protect, bless and guide the course of the believer. With our redeemer on our side, there is no devil to fear (Exodus 23:22). As God protected Jesus from birth till death, so will he protect the obedient and submissive believers today! When we are sure of this then we can sleep in the midst of storms.

**Your Spiritual Welfare Is Our Concern**

### 3. WISDOM OF THE FAITHFUL

Nehemiah 2:7-9,20; Galatians 1:10; Matthew 10:28; Isaiah 8:9-13; 2 Kings 6:15-17; Psalms 11:1-3,7; 20:7,8; 118:4-9; Proverbs 3:5-8

Nehemiah obtained letters, chariots and horses from the king as a demonstration to the governors in Israel that his mission had the approval and blessing of the king. But ultimately, his trust was in the King of kings. Believers may use means where appropriate but they must not depend upon them, for ***“An horse is a vain thing for safety; neither shall he deliver any by his great strength”*** (Psalms 33:17). Besides, ***“If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”*** Wisdom demands that for continued success we build upon a strong foundation of reverential fear for God, righteousness, obedience, trust, absolute surrender and commitment to His revealed will.