

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
SEPTEMBER 3, 1922

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Subject, "Nehemiah rebuilds the Walls of Jerusalem."—Neh. 4:7-16.
Golden Text, "Our God Shall fight for Us."—Neh. 4:10.
Place—Jerusalem.

There are some interesting things between Nehemiah's prayer in last Sunday's lesson and our study for today. This man of God has been doing some very earnest praying about conditions in the land of his fathers. After hearing of conditions there, this claims his time and he spends much of it in prayer and serious thought as to how conditions may be remedied. Read the second chapter and you will stand before a sad scene as the curtain rises. Nehemiah is handing the king a cup of wine (he was the king's cupbearer,) but his countenance is sad; and he well knew that no servant was allowed to stand before the king with a sad countenance. Here he stands before the king's majesty with a gloomy face. The king asks, "Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart." Then said Nehemiah; "Then was I very sore afraid." Here the life of Nehemiah was in grave danger; but being a man of truth and honesty he answers straight from the shoulder: "Let the king live forever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire." There is never anything gained by beating about the bush and whipping the devil around the stump. It pays to come clean with matters.

Diplomacy, as we call it now, policy, is only a nice way we have of getting by without telling the truth. Folks some times use policy, occasionally in church and every time it is used trouble is the result. Nehemiah wins out before the king by being man enough to stand four-square. He gains the king's consent to visit the land of his fathers and to build again the walls of Jerusalem. Orders were given to the keeper of the king's forests to furnish timbers for the work. Just as always happens when the Lord's servants start something for him, the devil gets busy and starts his imps on their heels. All the devil's agents on earth, led by all the imps from the infernal regions cannot stay the hand of Jehovah when He gets ready to work. They made light of the work started. They said that even a fox walking about this repair work would cause it to fall. With all this opposition the work proceeded.

Their conspiracy to stop the work sent Nehemiah to his place of prayer to ask Jehovah for help. The devil can turn the moon to cheese and blot out the stars just as easily as he can overthrow the work being carried on by the people "whose God is the Lord." One man and the Lord constitute a majority anywhere on earth. Every movement set in motion for the moral reform of a nation or community has met the same anger and contempt at the hands of the devil and his forces. We are here reminded of the prohibition movement in America. This bootlegging, blind tiger, bush whacking, liquor drinking gang have cried all the while that prohibition is a failure. They will sight you to the "fact" that we would be better off with open bar rooms. They know that this is a miserable lie of the blackest kind. If prohibition is a failure may God help us to have the same kind of a failure for a few more years and all this old whiskey soaked gang will be rotten in the dust and then we will have a generation of sober youth.

What a mixture this is, this crowd that tried to hinder the work undertaken by Nehemiah and his helpers. Look at them for a moment: the devil and Sanballat, the Ammonites, the Ashdodites, Tobiah and the Arabians. Under ordinary circumstances these were at enmity; but here they are united in one common cause, that of working for the overthrow of God's plans. Herod and Pilate made friends together over the trial and Crucifixion of Jesus. The devil can use liars, thieves, hypocrites, gamblers, murderers, drunkards, adulterers and unbelievers to do his work. What a motley throng this is. God have mercy on this class of sinners who are all allied together for the destruction of all that is good.

Don't forget that Nehemiah is a man of prayer. Prayer meant something to him. When he went to God in prayer he meant business. We take it for granted it seems in this "new day" that God is under special obligations to us to send rain and sunshine, seed time and harvest. Just leave us alone and when we get in tight places will be time enough to call on the Lord for help. Here and there a few faithful men and women are on their faces before God in agony over the conditions of men, especially over our young people in their indifference to the Church. These are called old fogies and cranks in some instances. Nehemiah took things to heart and then took the whole thing to God.

The first time this writer visited the shores of the great Atlantic Ocean, walking along the shore a jellyfish was found. Turning it about it was discovered there was as much backbone in one part of its anatomy as another. Some folks are in the same "fix" without any backbone. Nehemiah had a backbone and know how to use it. He had God's work to do, and did not for one moment give the devil's crowd an opportunity to hinder. The wall is to be rebuilt. Nehemiah is not waiting for God to do what Nehemiah can do. He calls his workmen to the task, and with trowel in one hand, a weapon in the other, they go about the task. They worked with one eye on Sanballat and the devil and the other on their work; he also armed some of his men and set them as guards at the most dangerous places. When you have turned both cheeks to the devil and he has slapped both it is then time to defend yourself.

It takes grit, grace and some greenback to do real aggressive work in the kingdom of God. Don't get the idea that greenback is the essential thing, but it is one of the essentials. It takes courage, manly courage to stand and plead the cause of Jesus Christ before a frowning world. It takes nerve, steady nerve, to preach the gospel and rebuke sin among men who control finances in the church and out of the Church. Above all it takes an abundance of the Grace of God. It takes prayer, agonizing prayer. It takes men who have a well beaten path up to the throne. Men who know how to talk to God.

Nehemiah says this is a great work and he cannot come down from it. With all the conspiracy against these people who "had a mind to work," the work progresses and in fifty two days is completed. Nehemiah had God on his side, and the people, willing to follow their leader, great things were accomplished in a short while. All the business men round were engaged in rebuilding the walls. There are many breaches in the walls today that need mending. If every business man in your community could be enlisted in the work there would be no difficulty in ridding the community of vice and sin of every sort. "Watch therefore. Take the

MARRY A FARMER

Do you want your daughter to marry a farmer? Sixty-one out of sixty-four North Carolina farm women answer "yes" and they back up their answers with some perfectly good reasons. They do not think of themselves as poor hardworking judges, lonely and isolated and with no social life to break the monotony of their existence—on the contrary they seem to be perfectly well satisfied and are contented with their lot as farmer's wives. They find joy, happiness and contentment on the farm and in the homes and have such hope in the future that they want their daughters to become farmer's wives.

Some of the most important reasons for this are; good health conditions, the ever ready supply of good wholesome food such as fresh vegetables, butter, milk, chickens and eggs (gee, I believe I'll move to the farm,) the balanced physical and mental growth that comes from living close to nature and seeing the beauties of His handiwork, the close partnership between husband and wife and the friendly discussion of all business problems.

Modern home conveniences such as running water, electric light and power for washing; consolidated rural schools, papers and magazines, home demonstration work, automobiles and good roads; all these and more go hand in hand toward making life on the farm worth living.

With a hope for the future and with a vision of what rural life can become rather than what it is today these farm women expressed a belief that the time would soon come when the country women would have all advantages now possible to the city women and in addition to these the many comforts and pleasures that come only to those living in the country as farmer's wives.

Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, of Biltmore, president of the North Carolina State Fair, will be the speaker and guest of honor at the celebration of the centennial of Davidson county which will be formally observed in Lexington on September 26th.

North Carolina Superior Court
Hertford County Before The Clerk

Will Lowe vs. Janie Lowe—NOTICE
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Hertford County, North Carolina, to obtain a divorce, "A VINCULO MATRIMONII," and said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hertford County, at his office, in the Courthouse in Winton, N. C., on the 11th day of September, 1922, and answer or demur, to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
This the 15th day of August, 1922.
D. R. McGLOHON,
Clerk of Superior Court.
C. W. JONES, Atty. for the Plaintiff.
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sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." With this weapon victory is certain. The battle against sin is waging hot. Real soldiers are called for, not tin soldiers, but those who will dare to do and die if need be for the cause of right against the forces of wrong. Opportunity runs on schedule time. Today opportunity is ours to work for the Master. What are we doing with our privilege? Are we on the side of Sanballat, Tobiah and the devil, or are we on the side of Nehemiah and the Lord?

THE NORFOLK FAIR

Not the least interesting feature of the Norfolk Fair—from September 4th to 9th—will be the women's exhibits. There are nearly 200 prizes announced for domestic exhibits and art work.

In the ladies department for fancy work alone there will be 72 prizes, averaging nine to each section. The first section is for crocheted work; second, knitting; third, embroidery; fourth, bead work; fifth, tatting; sixth, sewing; seventh, quilts and eighth, miscellaneous.

There are six sections of art work; first, professional painting and drawing; second, amateur painting and drawing; third, professional decorative work; fourth, amateur decorative work; fifth, photography and sixth, flowers.

There will also be a long list of prizes for boys and girls agricultural and home economics club exhibits. This will include field work, stock, dairy, garden, poultry, shop work, cooking, sewing, canning.

Department K of the exhibition will be one of the big features, for here the women will show what they can do in the cooking and canning lines.

The Norfolk Fair has been celebrated in the past for its splendid exhibits of poultry and rabbits; its automobile exhibit—second only to the big auto show in the Tabernacle—and its merchants exhibits but this year Manager J. N. Montgomery is laying plans to have one of the finest stock exhibits ever seen in this vicinity.

Of course the racing and the vaudeville entertainments will surpass anything in the past, especially the fireworks at night but this year the Norfolk Fair is going to be an agricultural and industrial exhibition of inter-state proportions.

The Hertford County Herald is giving away gold. Don't fail to read the big display ad in this issue.

QUIT MEAT WHEN
KIDNEYS BOTHER

Take a glass of Salts before breakfast if your back hurts or bladder is troubling you.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

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6. Beason home place about one mile west from Sunbury, 44 acres more or less, 30 cleared and balance in timber. Dwelling and necessary outbuildings. \$4000—\$2000 cash and five years on balance.
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