



Opposition is Inevitable

Nehemiah 4:1-4 NKJV - But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. [2] And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish-stones that are burned?" [3] Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall." [4] Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads, and give them as plunder to a land of captivity!

Introduction

There will always be a Sanballat when you start rebuilding. There will always be a Tobiah mocking in the shadows. **But when God gives you a burden to restore what's broken, no ridicule, no opposition, and no demonic voice can stop the work He has ordained.**

In Nehemiah 4, the people of God rose to rebuild ruined walls. But immediately, resistance came - not just from the outside, but through words meant to weaken the spirit. **Sanballat said: "Will they fortify themselves? Will they revive the burned stones?"**

- Do not be moved by mockery. **The laughter of the enemy is the last sound before the gates of breakthrough open.**
- **What was burned, God is rebuilding.**
- **What was called rubbish, God calls revival.**
- **And what the enemy said would fall with a fox, will stand by the hand of the Lord!**

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV) "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Three Common Challenges Against the Christian Walk

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1. Opposition in your spiritual your progress: Numbers 20:20-21 NKJV - Then he said, "You shall not pass through." So Edom came out against them with many men and with a strong hand. [21] Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory; so Israel turned away from him.

- Opposers will fight your progress
- Opposers are ready to any kind of stupidity
- **Moses faced opposition as he was carrying God's assignment.**
- **Jesus faced opposition as He was carrying His Father's mission**
- You are going to face opposition by following Jesus's footsteps.
- **Check if there is no any kind of crack in the walls of your Heart**
- You must pay the price

2. Opposition in your prayer life (Connection with your maker): Daniel 6:10 NKJV

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

- Opposers will fight your life devotion with your God
- **Opposers will reduce your commitment towards the things of God**
- Daniel faced opposition while he was doing what seems to be right in the eyes of God
- **Jesus faced opposition as He was carrying His Father's mission**
- You are going to face opposition by following Jesus's footsteps.
- **Check if there is no any kind of crack in the walls of your Heart**

3. Opposition in your work of evangelism: Acts 13:8 But Elymas, (Ilaimas) the sorcerer (as his name means in Greek), interfered and urged the governor to pay no attention to what Barnabas and Saul said. He was trying to keep the governor from believing.

- Opposers will fight your evangelism achievement
- Opposers will frustrate your outreach commitment
- Barnabas and Paul faced opposition through their outreach (Governor was not a problem to them but his surrounding).
- **Jesus faced opposition as He was carrying His Father's mission**
- **You are going to face opposition by following Jesus's footsteps.**
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Jesus Will Answer Your Opposition"

Beloved, when Sanballat mocks your rebuilding, when Edom blocks your journey, when spiritual lions threaten your prayer altar like in Daniel's day, and when sorcerers like Elymas interfere with your evangelism - **do not fear**. The same Jesus who was mocked, rejected, pierced, and opposed, yet rose in victory, is standing by you.

Opposition is not a sign that you are failing - **it is confirmation that what you're building is dangerous to hell**. If you weren't carrying something holy, the enemy wouldn't try so hard to stop it.

Prayer Points

Prayer Point 1: Strength to Build in the Face of Opposition: *Philippians 1:6 NKJV*

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ Pray for God to give you spiritual tenacity to keep building even when mocked. Strengthen your hands to restore what the enemy called ruined. I decree that every word of discouragement and every demonic resistance will fall before the work You have ordained in my life. What was called rubbish, You call revival—and I will not stop until the wall is complete!"

Prayer Point 2: Fire on the Altar - Victory Over Opposition in Prayer & Evangelism

Acts 13:8-11 NKJV But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. [9] Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him [10] and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? [11] And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

Father, restore fire upon my altar like Daniel, and boldness in my witness like Paul and Barnabas. Every force sent to silence my prayer life or hinder my outreach - let it be scattered by Your power. I declare, no lion will shut my window of prayer, and no sorcerer will stop the message of Jesus through me."