

Worship with us in the Word

Nehemiah – Getting on to God’s Agenda
Internal Problems Threaten God’s Desired Agenda
Nehemiah 4:15-5:13

Satan’s Tools for Thwarting God’s Agenda

1. Discouragement – external opposition – Nehemiah 4
2. Self-centeredness – internal opposition – Nehemiah 5

The Jerusalem walls may shield from outside attacks, but they cannot protect from threats that are on the inside of the walls.

The Problem Surfaced – vv. 1-5

- Lots of people
- Limited resources
- Lost livelihood
- Leveraged to the max!

The Problem Addressed – vv. 6-13

Nehemiah responded to the problem

- Emotionally... passionately
- Mentally... thoughtfully
- Volitionally... personally

The people responded to their sinfulness

- To Nehemiah
- To the priests
- To the Lord

Follow the same pattern in dealing with our sin today:

1. *Confess it. Acknowledge the offense to God and others.*
2. *Promise, that with God’s help, you will not do it again.*
3. *Go public with it. Tell others, “I’m done with this!”*
4. *Recognize the severity of making a statement to God and not abiding by it.*