

Message Notes

Through Dangers, Toils and Snares

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *Dangers, Toils and Snares*

Today's Message:

*Through many dangers, toils and snares...
Nehemiah 6:1-15*

Assassination Attempt

Nehemiah 6:1-4

Divide and Conquer

Nehemiah 6:5-9

Threats from Betrayal

Nehemiah 6:10-13

A Prayer of Resolve

Nehemiah 6:14

The Result

Nehemiah 6:15

Main Principle?

We will face Opposition and we must Persevere

Perseverance of the Saints

2 Timothy 4:6-8

How does this fit in the story of Scripture?

John 16:33

Don't I have to keep at it in order to be saved?

Philippians 1:3-6

*How much of this is my work
and how much is God's?*

Philippians 2:12-18

*Wait, are you saying this has nothing to do
with my behavior or performance?*

Philippians 3:1-11

*Are you saying that I already have salvation?
What is motivating me, then?*

Philippians 3:12-16

Gospel Application – *Are you persevering in
your preservation?*

Nehemiah 6:1-15

¹When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it—though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates—²Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: “Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.”

But they were scheming to harm me;³so I sent messengers to them with this reply: “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?”⁴Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.

⁵Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter⁶ in which was written: “It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall.

Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king⁷ and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: ‘There is a king in Judah!’ Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us meet together.”

⁸I sent him this reply: “Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head.”

⁹They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.”

But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.”

¹⁰One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, “Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you.”

¹¹But I said, “Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!”¹²I realized

that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.¹³He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me.

¹⁴Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, my God, because of what they have done; remember also the prophet Noadiah and how she and the rest of the prophets have been trying to intimidate me.

¹⁵So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days.