

SPIRITUAL REINFORCEMENT

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Topic:
SPIRITUAL REINFORCEMENT

Bible text: Nehemiah 4:1-15

Prayer

Heavenly Father we bless your name for another wonderful and glorious day like this to gather together in order to learn at your feet. Lord, we asked for your mercy tonight and the grace to put your words into actions. We pray that the words would not stand against us on the judgement day. In Jesus' name we've prayed.

Bible text: Nehemiah 4:1-15 (NKJV) **1** .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! **5** Do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You; for they have provoked You to anger before the builders. **6** So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work. **7** Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry, **8** and all of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion. **9** Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night. **10** Then Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall." **11** And our adversaries said, "They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into

their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease.” **12** So it was, when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, “From whatever place you turn, they will be upon us.” **13** Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. **14** And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.” **15** And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work.

Introduction

Once again I want to say a good evening to us all and I pray that tonight the Lord will minister to all of us in Jesus' mighty name... For this night, I want us to know that we will all be engaged either in one or two ways.

Study

Tonight we will be talking on a topic that is captioned as: **SPIRITUAL REINFORCEMENT** Now we know when we talk about spirituality, it has to do with our connection to the divine. Reinforcement on the other hand will be defined as below:

In Psychology / Learning (Behavioral Science):

Reinforcement means strengthening a behavior.

In Construction / Engineering:

Reinforcement refers to materials (usually steel bars or mesh) used to strengthen concrete or other structures. Now where are we heading to? Spiritual reinforcement on the other hand can be said to mean: **Spiritual Strengthening**. This could be in our behavior, character and even knowledge... Because what you strengthen yourself with can either make or

mar you. Now going to our Bible passage above... Sanballat and friends were distinct enemies of the Jews' progressive journey in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. They said to themselves what these people think they are up to, they were in the position to mock, destroy and discourage the Jews led by Nehemiah from doing the work.

Let's see someone again in verse 3: **Nehemiah 4:3 (NLT)**

Tobiah the Ammonite, who was standing beside him, remarked, "That stone wall would collapse if even a fox walked along the top of it!" Notice the kind of statement being made at these people, observe the kind of criticism being thrown at them...*If you were the one in their position what would be your reaction?* **Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly...** This was the kind of group that was against Nehemiah and the entire Jews. **Nehemiah 4:7-8 (NLT) But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the work was going ahead and that the gaps in the wall of Jerusalem were being repaired, they were furious. They all made plans to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw us into confusion.**

May we not be thrown into confusion in Jesus Christ name. Everything being said above is just a background to what the topic is: **SPIRITUAL REINFORCEMENT** Now I want to believe that everyone on this platform is a believer... A child of God to the core, so there won't be any struggle to understand this topic... Except you are not sure of your salvation, there is an avenue or a room for you to repent today even at this moment. So as a child of God, our spiritual life has a foundation in Christ Jesus...

1 Corinthians 3:11 "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." But do we know that this foundation can be destroyed? **Psalms 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?** The righteous will have a lot of work to do in order to restore that building or that foundation... That is why we need to guard against the destruction of the foundation that has been laid in Christ.

This is why spiritual reinforcement is very necessary.

WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF SPIRITUAL REINFORCEMENT?

1. Prayer: Nehemiah 4:4-5 (NLT) Then I prayed, “Hear us, our God, for we are being mocked. May their scoffing fall back on their own heads, and may they themselves become captives in a foreign land! Do not ignore their guilt. Do not blot out their sins, for they have provoked you to anger here in front of the builders.” Just like the scripture admonished us to pray without ceasing... Prayer can help us strengthen our foundation and feet to stand in Christ against all odds or tantrums being thrown at us at any point of our lives. **Nehemiah 4:9 (NLT)** But we prayed to our God and guarded the city day and night to protect ourselves.

2. Fasting: Matthew 17:20–21 (KJV) “And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.” Even though these two are like Siamese twins, they carry great ability in the process of reinforcing our spiritual life. Every child of God is expected to fortify his foundation in Christ against every force by this element in whatever capacity they can; it helps to increase our faith and belief in the finished works of Christ, therefore we cannot be swayed by whatever is being said to us, whether it is palatable or not. **Jude 20** “Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.” As part of what makes our spiritual reinforcement more balanced is the fact that with fasting, prayer is added, and when in the Holy Ghost (praying in the Spirit), it becomes much more powerful.

3. Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship

Psalm 100

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.

These three brothers work together to almost achieve the same thing with the Father... These are elements that make God become more focused on

us because of what He can get or enjoy from us, therefore He wouldn't open His eyes to behold us fall prey to the enemy or let our foundation in Christ be destroyed.

Why? Because, we will become the apple of His eyes.

Zechariah 2:8 (KJV)

“For thus saith the Lord of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.”

4. Holy Living

Hebrews 12:14

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”

This is important because when people find a fault in you, the devil who is the accuser of the brethren capitalizes on this and employs his agents in human form to create discord and chaos within a believer... And if care is not taken, such may be moved.

Men and brethren... The foundation of our Christian faith is very important for us to guard.

This is the seal that keeps us unto the day of redemption.

I pray that the antics of the enemy will not have any impact upon our lives and ministry in Jesus name.

Heavenly Father we thank you for your words that have been released to us. Father, we pray that you will energize us and reinforce our spiritual life to the glory of your holy name alone so that our end will be very glorious, and we pray that this ministry and platform will be reinforced against all odds of

the enemy in Jesus name. Thank you our Father. In Jesus mighty name we have prayed.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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