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**The Building of the Wall in Jerusalem – Pt. 1**

**Or The Builders at the Wall**

**Nehemiah Chapter Three**

**The Wall of Jerusalem Yesterday and Today.**

* **An Introduction to the Wall of Jerusalem**
* **Jerusalem Today**
* **The Builders at the Wall – Neh. Chap. 3**
1. **The Workers At The Wall.** (42 groups )

 **1. The Priests** - repaired the Sheep-gate. **3:1**

1. The **R**estoration of the **P**lace of **S**acrifice.

“*sheep-gate*”; "*Eliashib*" = God **R**estores, Cf. Gen. 13:1-4 cf. 12:8

**B**ethel, place of sacrifice, **R**estoration after **B**acksliding.

b. His **R**estoration commenced with:

1. A **R**ejection of Egypt. Gen. 13:1
2. A **R**eturn to Bethel. (= the House of God) 13:3f

c. The **R**evival of **P**riestly **S**ervices – Neh. 3:1

i. The **P**eople who are Priests. Rev.1:6; I Pet. 2:5, 9

ii. The **P**lace of Priests.

* As *Holy* Priests to **S**acrifice - **W** orship I Pet. 2:5
* As *Royal* Priests to **S**how forth - **W**itness. I Pet. 2:9

Application: As Priests, Render **P**raise and Adoration?

 Offer **P**rayer and Intercession?

 Experience **P**ower in our Testification?

The spiritual aspect needs priority in restoration of the local church.

 There is need for” repair” if Priests are not **W**orshipping and **W**itnessing

**2. The Goldsmiths. Neh. 3:8 cf. Exo. 31:3, 4**
Who were the Goldsmiths?

– Divinely-called **S**pirit-filled and **S**pirit-gifted men. Exo. 31:2; 35:30; 31:3

a. They were those who worked in "The **S**hadow of God" – ***Bezalel****,*  Exo.31:1-5

As represented in Bezalel (= *in the shadow of God*.)

 The workman of God must know...

 i. The **S**hortage of Time in contrast to **E**ternity. Job 8:9; Psa.144:4; cf. Eph. 5:15-17

 ii. Where to **S**helter from his **E**nemies. Psa. 57:1

iii. Where to **S**atisfy himself with renewed **E**nergy. Cant. 2:3; Isa. 32:2; 4:6

b. They were those who were Conscious of the **S**anctuary of God - ***Oholiab*** Exo. 31:6

 As represented in Oholiab (= *the tent of my Father*, cf. II Cor. 5:1)

They were men **C**onscious of God's Indwelling and

 **C**onscientious to keep themselves…

 Sanctified unto God:

i. We are the Temple of God. I Cor. 3:16, 17

ii. We are the Temple of the Holy Spirit. I Cor. 6:19 20

iii. We are the Temple of the Lord. Eph. 2:21, 22

c. They were those who were **S**tirred up of God as represented in…

1. The **Wise-hearted**: Exodus 31:6

 Those who assisted in Priestly Ministry. 28:3

 Those who obeyed God's commands. 31:6

 Those who came forward to serve. 35:10

 The women played their part. 35:25

 Those who gave their all and their best. 36:1, 2, 5

ii. The **Sensitive-hearted**. 35:21, 26

iii. The **Willing-hearted**. 35:22, 29

Note: The Work of the Lord always involves the Heart.

d. What kind of Men were the goldsmiths? Exo.

i. They were Divinely-called out men. 31:2; 35:30

ii. They were Spirit-filled men. 31:3

\* Be **S**aturated with the Spirit. Eph. 5:18

\* **S**adden not the Spirit - Do what He wants. Eph. 4:30

\* **S**ubdue not the Spirit - Be what He wants. I Thes. 5:19

 iii. They were Spirit-gifted men. Cf. Eph. 4:7, 8, 11

Con.: There is need for” *repair*” in the Church,

(1) When there are Gifted men, but they do not come forward to build the Wall.

(2) When the lives of Gifted men are not backed up by a Spirit-filled and Sanctified life.

(3) When the most-gifted and the least-gifted are not involved side by side to rebuild the wall.

(4) When gifted men are suppressed, and they cannot exercise their gifts.

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**The Building of the Wall in Jerusalem – Pt. 2**

Or The Builders at the Wall – Neh. Chap. 3

1. **The Workers:**

1. The Priests 2. The Goldsmiths

3. The Apothecaries. 4. The Rulers

5. The Daughters 6. The Levites

7. The Nethinim 8. The Merchants

**B. The Shirkers.**

**C. The Jerks**