

**Introduction:** God is Holy, Almighty, All Knowing, All Merciful, All Powerful, All seeing, and is everywhere all at once. He is not ONE of A Kind, He is just ONE; because there is no Kind like Him. He is the only ONE. He is Creator, King, Prince of Peace, Mediator, Comforter, a Joy that gives Strength, makes the poor feel rich, is a healer of the sick and the only One who can raise from the Dead! He changes people's destiny's from eternity in hell like we deserve to an eternity in Heaven with Him. He is Jehovah God! And He deserves All Praise! And when we don't feel like worshiping or feel motivated to praise Him; we need to Magnify Him! Enlarge His importance in our minds and understanding. Be reminded of His power and compassion! And remember that He is right here with us! He deserves it! Should be enough!

# **Text:** Nehemiah 4 (summary)

### **Outline:**

III. Heavy Lifting.

### (Recap Read Nehemiah 4:1-20 NKJV)

### A. Unity – No Separation.

The trumpet is going to sound! Will we be ready? Will we be divided over petty, childish, and insignificant things? Will we be too far apart? Or will we hear the call of God to UNITE! Come together! Fight Together! Work Together! Too much is at stake!

- Prepare for Victory! Because God will fight for you! He will, if we are positioned where He needs us to be! We must be a participant, not just an observer! Nehemiah 4:6 We need a heart to work for the Lord. Instead of looking for ways to decrease our work for God, we need to be looking for ways to increase our work for the Lord.

### **B.** Garment of Praise

- This was a people with enemies. This was a people who had negative and discouraging people and voices coming at them every day. This was a people who were worn out, broken and oppressed. Now they are having to fight and build – fight and build. But Nehemiah kept the man with the Shofar near him. Nehemiah 4:20 Why?
We need people who will praise the Lord near us! Some contagious Christians with praise for their Lord on their lips to pour into our lives!
Jesus had just been tempted, oppressed, with a negative voice pouring into Him; satan himself. But right after that in Luke 4:14-19
Let's look at the rest of this scripture Jesus was quoting from in Isaiah 61:2- (now get ready for this) 4 Wow – wow & wow!

## C. God Fights for us...when we: Nehemiah 8-9

- Hear the Word and Obey Nehemiah 8:1 (people gathered together.) Nehemiah 8:8 (13 men plus the Levites helped them understand the reading.)
- ✓ Worship God Nehemiah 8:6
- ✓ Praise God & Sing Nehemiah 8:
- ✓ Confess and Repent of Sins Nehemiah 9:3
- Be Sealed by the Covenant (Gospel of Jesus Christ) Nehemiah 10:28-29

We have heard the word preached and explained so we can understand. Now lets gather together: Let's ask God for a heart to work for Him! Let's Sing, Pray, Raise our hands and worship the Lord. Let's declare this morning that we have been sealed by God's covenant by our Lord Jesus Christ! And Let's determine to be participants! Let's believe that God will fight for us!