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Nehemiah 6 - Spiritual Opposition

What does Satan exploit:

1. With Sanballat, Satan exploits _____.
2. With Tobiah, Satan exploits _____.
3. With Geshem, Satan exploits _____.

Two things we can learn from them:

1. When we start living the mission God has called us to, we should _____ opposition from these kinds of sources.
2. If we're not careful, these things can _____ in our own lives, where we become the opposer rather than the opposed.

How Satan Opposes pt. 1:

1. _____

Nehemiah 6:1-4

When 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— 2 Sanballat 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; 3 so 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?” 4 Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.

Reasons this works:

1. They sound _____.
2. Satan is _____.

How Satan Opposes pt. 2:

2. _____

Nehemiah 6:5-7

Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter 6 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 king 7 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.”

Nehemiah 6:10-13

One 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.”

11 But 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!” 12 I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 He 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.

Application:

How do we resist Satan’s schemes?

Nehemiah does 3 things:

1. He clings to the _____.
2. He reinforces that with _____.
3. He stands his _____.

The Unseen War

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore, take up the full armour of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day... (Ephesians 6:12-13 NIV)