

The Many Faces of Discouragement

Nehemiah Chapters 4-6

I. Chapters 4 & 6: Discouragement from Without:

A. *The Enemy's Ridicule (4:1-3)*

B. *The Enemy's Intimidation and Threats (4:7-8)*

C. *The Enemy's Deceptions (6:1-4)*

D. *The Enemy's Treachery (6:10-14)*

II. Chapters 4 & 5: Discouragement from Within

A. *The Enormity of the Task (4:10-12)*

B. *The Greed of the Wealthy (5:1-5)*

III. Responses to Discouragement Within and Without (4:4,5,9,13,14; 5:6-19)

A. *Within*

1. Nehemiah's Rebukes (5:6-11)
2. The Wealthy Repent (5:12-13)
3. Nehemiah Provides a Role Model (5:14-19)

B. *Without*

1. They _____ (4:9).
2. They _____ (4:9,14).
3. They _____ (4:6, 15-23).
4. They _____ (4:14).