

[Your walls are before me](#)

The wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven. Nehemiah 1:3, 4.

For some days, my mind is constantly turning around this word. "walls."

The very word means protection. We see throughout the Bible that it is the Lord Himself who builds a wall, a protection around His people. He created Adam and Eve and placed them inside a secure walled garden called Eden. The sin which entered broke the protection that the Lord had covered His people with. It is so terrible to even think how it would be if our Lord would choose to take away His protection from us. The bottom-line of all this is that our Lord has personally placed a boundary around His own people; (remember Satan telling God that He has built a secure wall around Job).

We live in a world which gives us ample opportunities to destroy this wall which our Lord has painstakingly built around us. In Isaiah 5 we read that our Master Gardner chose for himself a ground. The first thing He did was, "He fenced it..." (Is5, 2). He invests in anticipation, building a winepress, a tower, a fence and He pours out His physical labour by clearing the stony ground, turning over the soil and planting it with the choicest vine eagerly looking for good fruits. But lo behold that land gave Him wild grapes. All His investment, the choicest blessing, the peace, joy that He gave us when we were saved have all become vain in the eyes of the Giver because His choicest blessings has not made us fruitful for Christ. We have not brought many sons to glory.

The Word of God very clearly tells us that we did not choose our God but He chose us so that we may be fruitful and that fruit should remain. (John 15, 16). Beware the Lord might pull your fences down if He finds you fruitless. The first thing the disappointed Gardner tells to Himself is that, "I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be

trodden down" Is 5, 5. How frightening! If the Lord would choose to pull down our walls where would we run and hide!

Many Christian families who live a very quiet happy and blessed life are not aware of the tragic fact that their walls have come down because, in spite of the Lord patiently investing and investing in their lives, they have been absolutely fruitless. Like the Dead Sea they were only receiving and never giving. Though they drank of the living waters, they never poured it out to the world. The Lord simply walked out of their lives. When the presence of the Lord recedes from our lives we become totally helpless, without any security and the worst part is that many do not even realize that their walls have been breached.

Nehemiah instantly understood the intensity of the situation of Israel when he received report from Hanani and He took the right course of action. He abandoned himself at the mercy of God. He fasted and prayed. Then he acted. He purposed in his heart to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. What a blessed calling He has! To rebuild the broken walls. It is so comforting to know that the Lord does not always totally abandon us. May be for a moment He forsakes us, but with He will surely draw us with His loving kindness.

Today the Lord is raising up an army to rebuild broken walls. An army that is not formed after the old traditions or rituals, but an army which can hear God's heart beat and brave any ridicule to rebuild God's Kingdom. A man like Nehemiah does not run away. To the hearts on fire, the Lord himself commissions them to rise up and rebuild. "And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: **thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in.**" Isa58, 12

Let us hear Nehemiah's call sounding down through centuries and
LET US RISE UP AND BUILD.

Dear Lord, thank you that you have carved us in your palms and that our walls are ever before you. Help us to check for cracks, holes and breaches made by us in the perfect wall you have put round us. Help

us to return to you with all our hearts so that you not only will put a wall of fire around us, and that we could also rise up and build the desolate places of this earth. In Jesus name we pray. Amen