

# Nehemiah

## Chapters 1 – 4

Nehemiah was cupbearer for the king of Persia. He heard how the Jews who had returned to Jerusalem were facing many difficulties.

Nehemiah received permission from the king to go to Jerusalem and help rebuild the city.

Nehemiah then supervised the re-building of Jerusalem's wall, even though some foreigners in Jerusalem made fun of him.

When the workers were ridiculed by foreigners, Nehemiah said to the workers:

"Do not be afraid of them.  
Just keep your mind on the Lord."

Dear God, please help us to do what is right,  
even if we meet ridicule and opposition

## Chapter 5

The people were very poor and could not pay their debts. Therefore Nehemiah cancelled all debts owed by poor people.

Nehemiah was a just and kind leader. He even used his own money to pay his expenses, and never took the salary that he could have claimed.

Dear God, to reduce government corruption  
in all countries,  
please raise up more leaders like Nehemiah