



Nehemiah answered, *"The God of heaven will give us success."*

When Sanballat heard that they were re-building, he got angry. He made fun of Nehemiah and the people working with him. He asked, *"What are these feeble Jews doing?"*

Tobiah was at his side and said, *"What they are building – if even a fox climbed up on it, it would break down their wall of stones."*

Nehemiah and the city prayed and asked God to help them. So, they rebuilt the wall until all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.

But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.

But Nehemiah and the people prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

Nehemiah said, *"Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."*

Afterwards, a few people from the city stayed on guard while others built the rest of the wall. Those who carried material did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other. They worked every day until the stars came out.

They finished the wall in 52 days. When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of their enemies that Nehemiah had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it, the other nations were humiliated and recognized that God had helped them in their work.

(This Bible Story is in Nehemiah 2, 4 & 6.)