

**Ebenezer Youth Fellowship**  
**Text: Nehemiah 4: 1-9**  
**Message 4: The Book of Nehemiah – Chapter 4**

Revision:

1. Chapter 1: Nehemiah's concern and prayer. Learn to pray rightly.
2. Chapter 2: Petition to the king; journey to Jerusalem; rally the people to build.
3. Chapter 3: Division of labour to do God's work – orderly and properly organised.

**1. Overview of chapter 4**

- (a) Oppositions to all who want serve God
- (b) Oppositions never stopped till the walls were completed and continued on.

**2. Opposition by Mockery (4:1-6)**

- (a) Who were the oppositions? (v.1,2,3). They appeared strong and many.
- (b) Read the sarcastic questions they mocked at the Jews (v.2-3).
- (c) Two responses from Nehemiah & people: v.4-5 – Pray; v.6 – Continue to work

**3. Opposition by Conspiracy (4:7-9)**

- (a) Jerusalem was surrounded by the enemies (v.7-8). More enemies joined forces to attack the Jews.
- (b) Response from Nehemiah & people: v.9 – Pray & Watch

**4. Opposition by Discouragement (4:10-23)**

- (a) Discouragement by own brethren (v.10); Terrorist attack by enemy (v.11); Fear and insecurity expressed by own brethren (v.12)
- (b) Response:
  - (i) Armed people at strategic locations on the wall (v.13)
  - (ii) Encouraged the people to trust in the Lord (v.14). Enemy confounded (v.15)
  - (iii) Continue to work and ready to fight against enemy (v.16-18)
  - (iv) Alarm system to support and protect each other (v.19-22)
  - (v) Example of Nehemiah and his servants (v.23)

**Nehemiah:** Man of Concern; Man of Prayer; Man who waited upon God; Man of Action; Man of Planning; Man of Teamwork; Man of Courage.

**Memory Verse: Nehemiah 4:6** "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work."