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Transforming Daily
“...a faithful man ...”
Nehemiah 7:2

Now that the walls were completed, it was time to celebrate. However, that didn't mean for Nehemiah to let his guard down. For Him the celebration and time of thanksgiving was just as important, if not more so, than the actual building of the walls. The time of worship and praise would be one of the most vulnerable moments for the enemy to exploit their accomplishment. So Nehemiah calls on the same people he trusted to build up the walls of the city of Jerusalem and to lift up the God of the city in spiritual edification and thanksgiving.

The text in Nehemiah uses the term “charged.” That gives more weight to the whole matter that Nehemiah “charged” Hanani and Hananiah to oversee the city in preparation for this auspicious occasion. The charge was also of a practical nature to be on the lookout for the enemies of God who would love to see them fail, and did all that they could do to see that they would fail, but God was and is faithful.

The believer has been charged with the building the Kingdom of God (Matthew 16:16-20, 28:18-20; Acts 1:8). Just as God provided for Nehemiah and the faithful servants to build the city walls of Jerusalem, God has provided for believers the resources and wherewithal to do the work of the ministry. The only thing required of the believer is to faithfully serve. The believer is to be ready in season and out knowing that the adversary is roaring about seeking whom he may devour. However, the battle is the Lord's and the victory is our! Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world! That is the only reason we need to give God thanks.

Have you given God thanks lately for who He is? Are you serving Him with all you might? Are you ready to serve in season and out? Are you consciously aware of the enemies of God? Would anyone say of you, “She is a faithful woman, or he is a faithful man?”