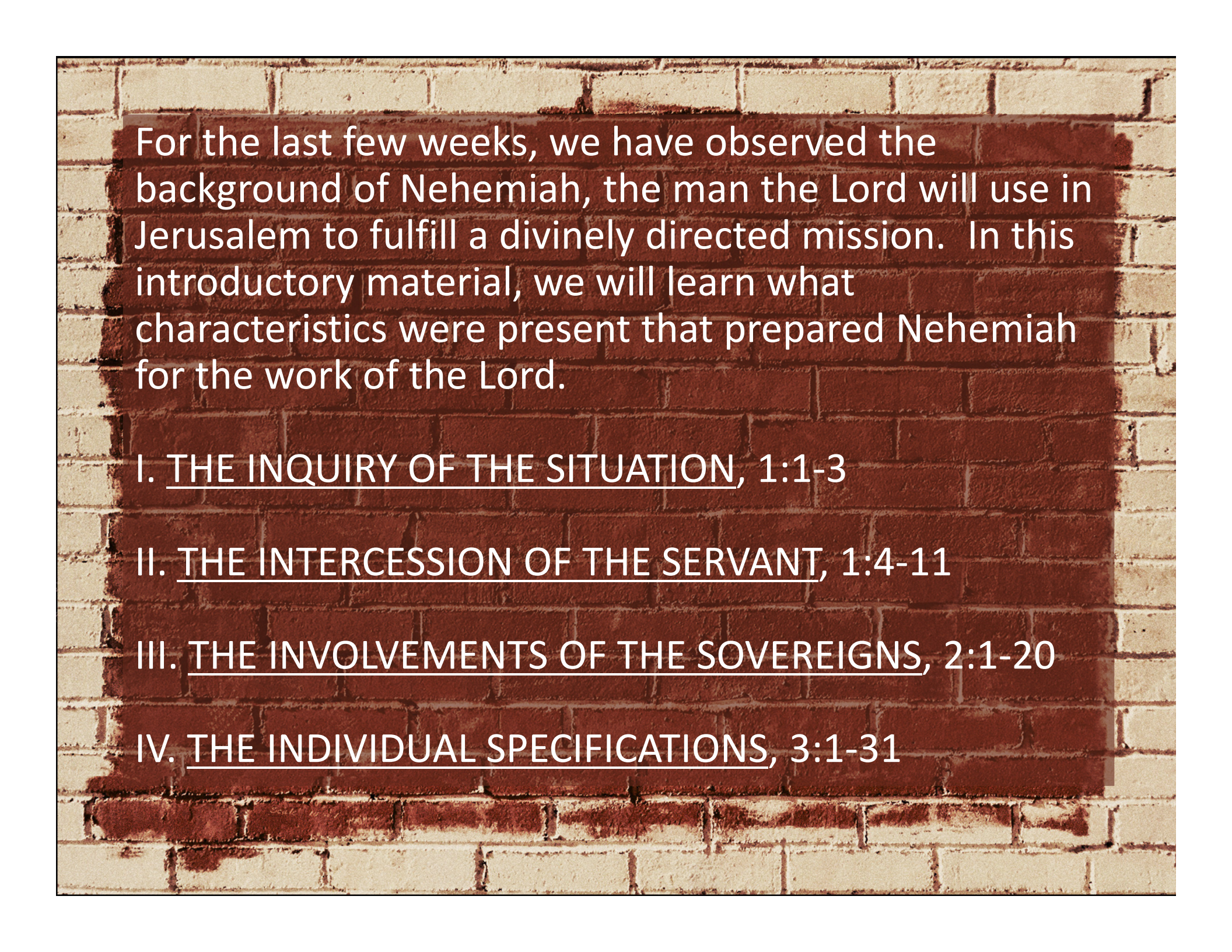


ARISE AND BUILD

Neh. 2:20

Neh. 2:20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore **we his servants will arise and build:** but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.



For the last few weeks, we have observed the background of Nehemiah, the man the Lord will use in Jerusalem to fulfill a divinely directed mission. In this introductory material, we will learn what characteristics were present that prepared Nehemiah for the work of the Lord.

I. THE INQUIRY OF THE SITUATION, 1:1-3

II. THE INTERCESSION OF THE SERVANT, 1:4-11

III. THE INVOLVEMENTS OF THE SOVEREIGNS, 2:1-20

IV. THE INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICATIONS, 3:1-31

Neh. 3:1 Then **Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests**, and **they builded** the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel.

2 And next unto him **builded the men of Jericho**. And next to them **builded Zaccur the son of Imri**.

3 But the fish gate did **the sons of Hassenaah build**, who *also* laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

4 And next unto them **repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz**. And next unto them **repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel**. And next unto them **repaired Zadok the son of Baana**.

5 And next unto them **the Tekoites repaired**; but **their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord**.

6 Moreover the old gate **repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah**; **they** laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

7 And next unto them **repaired** Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river.

8 Next unto him **repaired** Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also **repaired** Hananiah the son of *one of the apothecaries*, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.

9 And next unto them **repaired** Rephaiah the son of Hur, *the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.*

10 And next unto them **repaired** Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him **repaired** Hattush the son of Hashabniah.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahathmoab, **repaired** the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces.

12 And next unto him **repaired** Shallum the son of Haloresh, *the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.*

13 The valley gate **repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah;** **they built** it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.

14 But the dung gate **repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab,** **the ruler** of part of Bethhaccerem; **he built it,** and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountain **repaired Shallun the son of Colhozeh,** **the ruler of part of Mizpah;** **he built it,** and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.

16 After him **repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk,** **the ruler of the** half part of Bethzur, unto *the place* over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty.

17 After him **repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani.** Next unto him **repaired Hashabiah,** **the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his** part.

18 After him **repaired** **their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad**, **the ruler of the half part of Keilah.**

19 And next to him **repaired** **Ezer the son of Jeshua**, **the ruler of Mizpah**, another piece over against the going up to the armoury at the turning *of the wall*.

20 After him **Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired** **the other piece**, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

21 After him **repaired** **Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz** another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him **repaired** **the priests, the men of the plain.**

23 After him **repaired** **Benjamin and Hashub** over against their house. After him **repaired** **Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah** by his house.

24 After him **repaired** **Binnui the son of Henadad** another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning *of the wall*, even unto the corner.

25 **Palai the son of Uzai**, over against the turning *of the wall*, and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that *was* by the court of the prison. After him **Pedaiah the son of Parosh**.

26 Moreover the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel, unto *the place* over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.

27 After them **the Tekoites repaired another piece**, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

28 From above the horse gate **repaired the priests**, every one over against his house.

29 After them **repaired Zadok the son of Immer** over against his house. After him **repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah**, the keeper of the east gate.

30 After him **repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph**, another piece. After him **repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah** over against his chamber.

31 After him **repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's** son unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner.

32 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate **repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants**.

A. The Participants – they built and repaired.

- ❖ In this divinely inspired record, we see two specific efforts: building and repairing.
- ❖ Sometimes we build; sometimes we repair; sometimes we build and repair simultaneously.
- ❖ Progress is a result of many factors, primarily, the Lord working in various ways through His faithful children.

Phil. 2:13 For it is **God which worketh in you both to will and to do** of *his* good pleasure.

- ❖ The workers, the details of their individual efforts, and their work are all recorded for eternity.

1 Cor. 3:13 **Every man's work shall be made manifest:** for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's **work abide** which he hath built thereupon, **he shall receive a reward.**

15 If any man's **work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss:** but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

2 Jn. 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we **lose not those things which we have wrought,** but that we **receive a full reward.**

B. The Progress – what and where was built and repaired.

- ❖ Just as the accomplishments attributed to the participants are all recorded for eternity, so are all of our works recorded for eternity, too.

Rom. 14:12 So then **every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

2Co 5:10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

Mt. 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of **the heart** the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good **treasure of the heart** bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

36 But I say unto you, That **every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.**

37 For **by thy words** thou shalt be justified, and **by thy words thou** shalt be condemned.

❖ The key factor regarding our works is that it reflects our motive.

Gal. 5:6b “...faith which **worketh by love.**”

Eph. 4:16 From whom **the whole body fitly joined together** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, **according to the effectual working in the measure of every part**, maketh increase of the body unto **the edifying of itself in love.**

1 Thess. 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your **work of faith**, and **labour of love**, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

Heb. 6:10 For **God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love**, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

❖ As our works reflect a motive to please God, He honors such faithful stewardship with rewards.

Rev. 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my **reward** is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

2 Jn. 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things **which we have wrought**, but that we receive **a full reward**.

1 Cor. 3:8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive **his own reward according to his own labour**.

1 Cor. 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, **he shall receive reward**.

❖ The Lord Jesus Christ gave us two examples of accountability for His stewards: Mt. 25:14-30 and Luke 19:15-26.

❖ In Mt. 25:14-30, talents were given in three commodities: 24:15 “And unto one **he gave** five talents, to another two, and to another one; **to every man according to his several ability...**”

❖ In Luke 19:15-26, each person was given one pound, and the results were as follows: “...**thy pound** hath gained ten pounds...five pounds...” and one gained NOTHING.

❖ In each case, the most productive steward had the same characteristic – they put forth the most effort.

Original Word: ἐργάζομαι

Transliteration: ergazomai

Usage: I work, trade, perform, do, practice, commit, **acquire by labor.**

ergázomai (from *érgon*, "work") – to work (accomplish)

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Mt. 25:16 Then he that had received the five talents went and **traded** with the same, and made *them* other five talents.

Luke 19:16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath **gained** ten pounds.

Original Word: προσεργάζομαι

Transliteration: prosergazomai

Definition: to work besides, to gain besides – **Usage:** I gain, produce in addition.

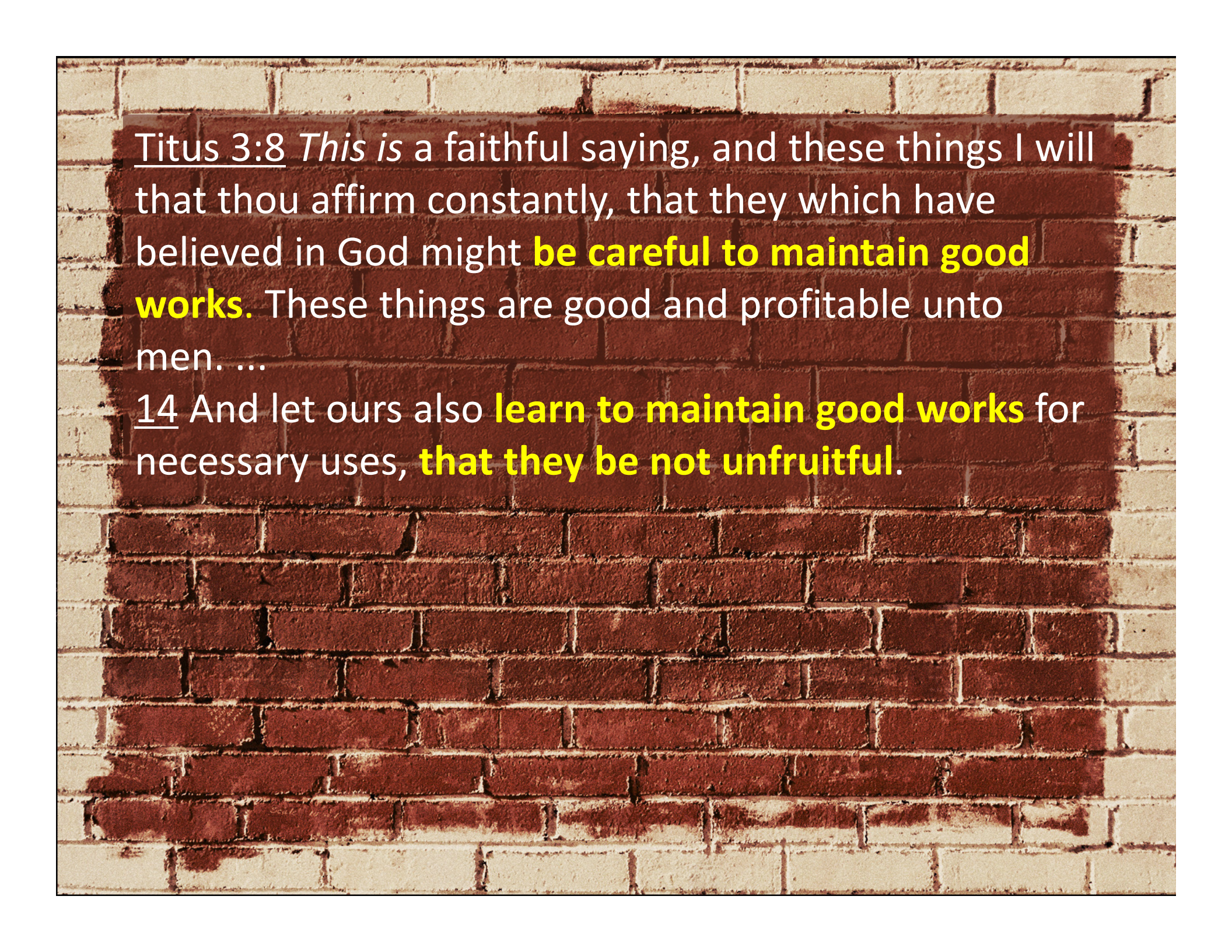
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❖ We should be an encouragement to each other regarding spiritual service, especially within our own families.

Heb. 10:24 And let us consider one another **to provoke unto love and to good works:**

Eph. 2:10 For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Titus 2:7 **In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works:** in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, ...
14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and **purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**



Titus 3:8 *This is* a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might **be careful to maintain good works**. These things are good and profitable unto men. ...

14 And let ours also **learn to maintain good works** for necessary uses, **that they be not unfruitful**.

Conclusion

Rev. 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and **my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

Original Word: μισθός

Transliteration: misthos

Usage: (a) pay, wages, salary, (b) reward, recompense, punishment. – a *reward (recompense)* that *appropriately compensates* a particular decision (action).

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- ❖ The workers in Jerusalem who were following Nehemiah's leadership, probably had no idea that their efforts would be recorded for all eternity, and also be used by the Holy Spirit to be an inspiration to others for thousands of years.

Phil. 2:13 For it is **God which worketh in you both to will and to do** of *his* good pleasure.

- ❖ Faithful believers today, serving the Lord because they love Him, will also have the privilege to honor Christ throughout eternity.

Eph. 3:20 Now **unto him** that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that worketh in us,**
21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.