

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

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REMEMBER THE LORD

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: Nehemiah 4:7-15

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Trusting in the Lord and obeying His *Word* (*Bible*) is the only way for the Christian. Only then can we see the fullness of God's glory revealed and see the hand of God move this world (*James 1:22-25*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

Ye are of God, little children, and overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world (I John 4:4).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

- 1. Jesus expects us to rely on His strength; the greater the task, the greater the strength needed. For this reason we are reminded to look to Him, the author and finisher of our faith, for strength to do His will. Jesus will then provide all our resources needed (*Psalm 29:11*).
- 2. Faith comes by hearing God's *Word* daily. To do the impossible, we need to nourish our spiritual bodies with a steady diet of God's *Word*. God feeds His people for a purpose: to overcome all things and do His will *(Romans 10:17)*.
- 3. We should not be surprised when opposition comes our way. God forewarns His people of the enemy (Satan) and his many devices to destroy God's work on Earth. God's power is greater than any power that comes against us. When we trust in Jesus, the victory is already won *(I Peter 4:12-13; I John 4:4)*.
- 4. God has given us His Holy Spirit; one of power, of love, and of a sound mind. Therefore, we should never be afraid (*II Timothy 1:7-8*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

When our lives are torn and broken, Jesus is there to help. Nehemiah, whose name means "comfort," was sent by God to help rebuild the walls of Jerusalem; as well as to encourage and comfort the people. While in captivity in a distant country, he remembered his home land and how it once stood strong and mighty. Thoughts of the City in ruins troubled him so much that God moved him to go back and help rebuild the walls of the city. Today, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, has been sent to remind us of all His promises that Jesus is there to restore, to bless and to heal our lives. So much so that we can once again enjoy the blessings of the Lord, that all our sorrows and tears will be washed away.

LESSON SUMMARY:

When faced with insurmountable tasks or problems, remembering our past victories with Jesus serves to strengthen us. As we press on in spite of opposition, the Lord will help. We need to remember that our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities of darkness and evil. Finally, we need to remember the words of Apostle Paul as he wrote under the power of the Holy Spirit, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Ephesians 6:10-13).

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