

# “Let Us Rise Up and Build”

## Introduction:

A. “And they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’” (Neh 2:18).

B. The Bible tells the stories of many builders.

## I. Builders Who Had Perspective Problems

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Babel (*Gen 11:1-4*).

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Solomon (*1 Kings 8; 11:1-8*).

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Nebuchadnezzar (*Dan 4:28-33*).

D. The rocky \_\_\_\_\_ of the Edomites (*Oba 1:1-4*).

E. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the rich man (*Luke 12:13-21*).

F. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Laodiceans (*Rev 3:14-22*).

## II. Nehemiah: A Builder With Proper Perspective

A. The wall of Jerusalem and the “good hand” of God (*Neh 2:8, 20; 6:15-16; 4:14*).

B. “So we built the wall... for the people had a mind to work” (*Neh 4:6*).

## III. “Let Us Rise Up And Build”

A. Let us rise up with God-centered perspective.

1. A building does not define our identity, reflect our health or determine our potential (*Rev 3:1*).

2. We are a part of the church built by Christ (*Matt 16:18*).

3. We are servants of the Most High who does not dwell in hand-made houses (*Acts 7:47-50*).

4. We are *being* built up as a spiritual house (*1 Pet 2:4-5*).

5. Therefore, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord” (*Matt 23:16-17, 38; 1 Cor 1:26-31*).

B. Let us live as if our building isn’t done (*Acts 20:32*).