

Nehemiah

Part 4

Source & Nature of Opposition

- **Sanballat & Tobiah**
 - **Saw a man**
 - **Didn't want to lose control**
- **Spiritual Dimension**
 - **Matt 16:18-23**
 - **Eph 6:10-20**
 - **James 4:6-7**

II Cor 2:11 – We are not ignorant of the devil's schemes

Opposition & Response - I

- **Laughed at and despised (2:19)**
- **Rebellion? (2:19)**
 - *God will prosper*
 - *We're servants – we will serve*
 - *We're different*
- **Discouragement (4:2-3)**
 - *Prayer*
- **Direct Attack (4:7-8) – confuse**
 - *Watch & pray*

Opposition & Response - II

- **Meet together (6:2)**
 - *Keep focussed*
- **Self appointed king? (6:6-7)**
 - *Rebuttal & prayer*
- **Trickery (6:10)**
 - *Discernment & prayer*
- **Enemy not so bad (6:19)**
- **Try to frighten (6:19)**

Opposition & Response - III

- **Influence through relationship (13:4)**
 - *Do the right thing (13:7-9, 28)*

In Summary...

- **Remember whose we are**
- **Be alert**
- **Pray**
- **Get on with the job**