



And they said, "Let us rise up and build." (Nehemiah 2:18)

The Bible tells the stories of many builders. As a bridge between 2020 and 2021, notice how important perspective is in whether or not we build in a way that pleases God:

- The _____ of Babel (Gen 11:4)
- The _____ of Nebuchadnezzar (Dan 4:29-30)
- The rocky _____ of the Edomites (Oba 1:1, 3-4)
- The _____ of the rich man (Luke 12:15-21)
- The _____ of the Laodiceans (Rev 3:14-18)

One reason **Nehemiah** is such a worthy example for us in 2021? His perspective.

- "...I asked, for the good _____ of my God was upon me." (2:8)
- "...God...will make us _____, and we his servants will arise and build" (2:20)
- "...this work had been accomplished with the _____ of our God. (6:15-16)
- " _____ the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight..." (4:14)
- "So we built the wall...for the people had a _____ to work. (4:6)

So let US rise and build in 2021 with God-shaped perspective.

- We are a part of the _____ built by Christ (Matt 16:18)
- We are _____ built up as a spiritual house (1 Pet 2:4-5)
- "Let the one who boasts, boast in the _____" (1 Cor 1:31; 2 Cor 10:17)

"And now I commend you to _____ and to the _____ of his grace, which is able to build _____ up and to give you the _____ among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)