

# Oh No

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## Introduction

1. Nehemiah 6:1-4
2. The Old Testament scriptures are given for our learning Romans 15:4
3. Those who do not know of learn from the past are destined to repeat it's mistakes
4. Let us learn some lessons from this Old Testament passage

## II Discussion

1. The Old Testament illustration
  - a. Nehemiah hears of the condition of Jerusalem and is sad; he is the king's cupbearer. The king wonders about his sadness
  - b. He then gets permission to rebuild the walls around the city of Jerusalem
  - c. The reactions of the enemies about his rebuilding these walls
    - i. They laugh him to scorn Nehemiah 2:9
    - ii. They mock the Jews Nehemiah 4:1, 3
    - iii. They attack not in open combat, but in subtle ways. They want him to compromise 6:2
2. The Challenge of the World
  - a. God has given us warnings about the world Romans 12:1-2; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15ff
  - b. Some areas in which the world might call us to compromise
    - i. Alcohol, adult beverages, recreational drinking Proverbs 23:29-35
    - ii. Sexual purity, condone sex in everything, legal but unscriptural marriages Matthew 19:9
3. The call of the religious world
  - a. The ecumenical movement
    - i. This is union not unity
    - ii. Agreeing to disagree
    - iii. This is minimizing doctrine 2 Timothy 4:1-4
    - iv. The Bible calls for unity not union John 17:20-21
  - b. Agreeing to disagree on matters of faith
    - i. We are to content for the faith Jude 3
    - ii. We are warned that some will depart from the faith 1 Timothy 4:1-4
  - c. The Bible way!
    - i. We ought to obey God rather than man Acts 5:29
    - ii. We ought to preach Jesus and the resurrection Acts 17:18
    - iii. The charge to Timothy is study plus more Timothy 2:15-19; 1 Timothy 1:3-4
    - iv. The challenge to the Corinthians church was to be steadfast and unmoveable 1 Corinthians 15:58
    - v. There are matters of liberty Galatians 2:4-5
    - vi. There are matters of faith 1 Corinthians 1:10ff
  - d. When doctrinal compromise has come, then the way is paved for compromise with the world.

## III Conclusion

1. Nehemiah was doing a great work - there was/is no time for compromise Nehemiah 6:3
2. God's people need to be so busy serving Him we have no time for the Ono of compromise
3. God's people must say oh no to compromise!
4. To become a child of God, and to stay a child of His is our life's work.

5. Will you begin this work today!

Sources: Select Sermon from the Old Testament by Tom Holland p. 33