

# Under Construction in 2009

## *Building a Work Crew*

**Scripture Reading:** *Psalms 48*

### **Introduction:**

- A. Nehemiah faced a **great challenge** and had **great faith** in a **great God**, but he would have accomplished very little had there not been **great dedication** on the part of the people who helped him rebuild the wall.
- B. When it comes to the work of the Lord, there is no place for spectators or self-appointed advisors and critics; but there is always room for workers.

### **I. The purpose of the work**

A. *Nehemiah 2:17* – “that we may no longer suffer derision...”

B. The purpose of all serving is the glory of God (*1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 4:5*)

### **II. The pattern of the work**

A. Thirty-eight individual workers are named in *Nehemiah 3*, and forty-two different groups are identified. Each worker was assigned a place and a task.

B. In *1 Corinthians 12* and *14*, Paul compared each individual Christian to members of a body.

### **III. The people in the work**

A. There were three attitudes toward the construction:

1. Some were busy in the work
2. Some let others do the work
3. Some flat-out opposed the work

B. God uses all kinds of people.

1. Different backgrounds...
2. Different projects...
3. Different roles to fill...
4. ...but He expects that we have one mind to work!