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# Rebuilding the Gates

Neh 6:1 - 16

1 Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and that there were no breaks left in it (though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates), 2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together among the villages in the plain of Ono." But they thought to do me harm.

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*8 I sent him this reply: “Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head.” (NIV)*

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14 My God, remember Tobiah and Sanballat, according to these their works, and the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who would have made me afraid.

15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God.

# The Battlefield is the Mind

Satan FIGHTS to ensure LIES are sowed into your mind, and he works diligently to make it sound like your own thought!

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## 1. Potential threat

- The mind submitted to God
- The mind that loves God
- The mind that can discern truth

This carries a threat of unmasking the deception of the satans kingdom, who Jesus calls, the 'father of lies'.

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What about faith?

Faith does not come from the mind, it comes from the heart...

“With the heart man believes unto righteousness” Rom 10

Faith doesn't come from the mind, its not intellectual — but the renewed mind is the context that genuine faith can flow into and through our life.

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Jer 17:9 - 10

“The heart is deceitful above all things,  
And desperately wicked;  
Who can know it?  
I, the LORD, search the heart,  
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2. The authority of a believer

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The devil abhors light and truth because they remove the ground of his working.

Every word of truth has to be fought for in the believers mind.

It is possible for a child of God to have a new life and new heart, but be without a new head.

Our minds are not automatically renewed at conversion. In unrenewed area's, we are subject to deception. We are only free from deception to the degree that the light and truth of God enter into our minds.

Repentance is the beginning of the renewed mind, ongoing renewal of the mind is the work of the believer in partnership with the Holy Spirit.

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# The Battlefield is the Mind

The mind has an affinity with the spiritual. Demonic communication with man takes place through the mind.

The mind is the battlefield, because it is the focus of attack from demon spirits. It is vulnerable to oppression.

Until you have victory in your mind, you won't have victory in your spiritual walk. The mind is to be brought under subjection to the Spirit.

Tim La Haye: 'Battle for the mind'

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Rom 12:1 - 2

“1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world ([age / eon](#)), but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

# Renewal of the Mind



Be not CONFORMED:

*'syschematizo' - where we get our word 'schematics'*

- 'to fashion or shape one thing like another.'
- 'to conform oneself to a pattern'

But be TRANSFORMED:

*'metamorphoo' - where we get our word metamorphosis*

- 'to change into another type'
- 'transfigure' - *Transfiguration Matt 17*

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2 Cor 10:3 - 6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but MIGHTY IN GOD for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down imaginations (**speculations**) and every high (**lofty**) thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6

# Renewal of the Mind

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- Strongholds
  - castles, fortresses
  - the arguments and reasonings by which an enemy fortifies his opinion
- Imaginations
  - logismos, where we get our word, 'logic'.
  - Computation, reckoning, reasoning

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- Casting down imaginations
  - To demolish the reckoning and reasoning of opponents which is based on human wisdom, which has become a fortress in people or in culture.
- High thing (lofty)
  - an elevated structure (to impede)
  - barrier, rampart


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How spiritual things come into our minds:

- Personally - as thoughts.
- Culturally - by what's accepted / embraced.
- Choices - what we fill our minds with.

# Nehemiah's Victory

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- Reject
- Resist
- Remember

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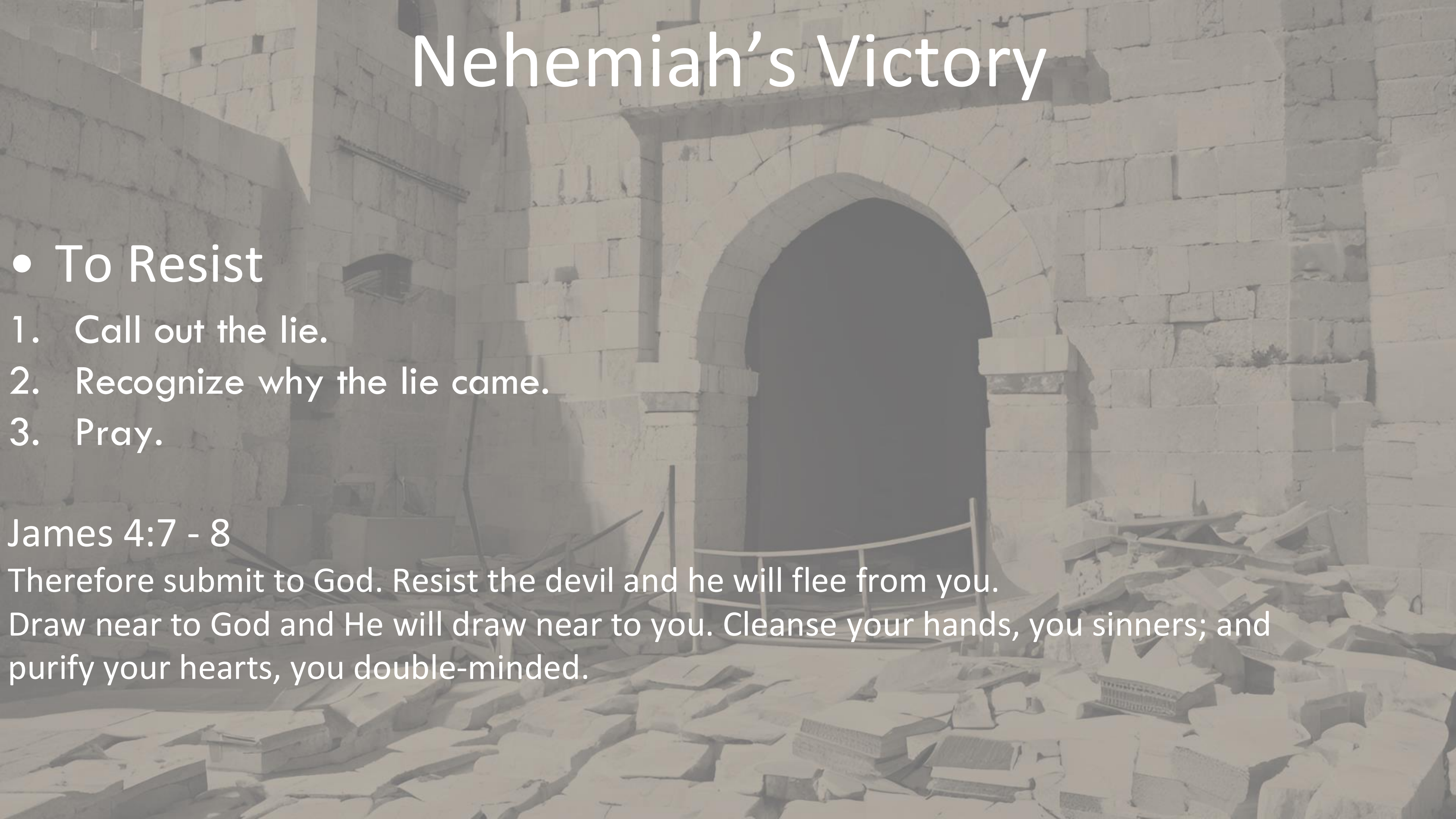
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- To Resist

1. Call out the lie.
2. Recognize why the lie came.
3. Pray.

James 4:7 - 8

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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