September 26 Questions

1) Nehemiah's enemies used every dirty trick they could think of to prevent the walls from being rebuilt. They began by _____ and ridiculing the work: 'Look at that wall! If a _____ jumped on it, it would fall down!' Nehemiah responded by turning to God in prayer and asking Him to "turn _____ their taunt on their own heads." This teaches us to look to God, not ourselves, for vindication and to _____ the world's low opinion of our service to God. Next, they threatened violence against the remnant. Nehemiah responded by asking God for help, and he set up a round-the-clock _____ to protect the laborers. This teaches us to avoid the pitfalls of _____ and _____ . We should cast our cares on God in prayer and then take appropriate action to deal with our situation. The next difficulty came, not from their enemies, but from within—many of the people had given in to _____ . Nehemiah responded by encouraging them: "Remember the Lord, who is great and _____ , and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes" (Neh 4:14). This teaches us how to encourage ourselves and others in the Lord. We should _____ on who God is and then take action knowing that God is on our side. The remnant rallied to Nehemiah, and they worked with their weapons at their sides. Some days later, Nehemiah was made aware of _____ in the camp. Some of the remnant had exacted _____ from their fellow Jews, and it had resulted in slavery for some of the people. Nehemiah responded by _____ the sin, _____ the sinners, and calling for a return to biblical living. He also sacrificed personally in order to set a good _____ for the people (Neh 5:14–19). This gives us a pattern to follow when dealing with sin in the _____ , and it shows us that there will be times when we need to _____ in order to lead by example. Shemaiah tried to trick Nehemiah into committing sin by urging him to enter the _____ which was off limits to everyone except the priests. Nehemiah wisely recognized this as treachery, for when a prophet advises something _____ to God's Word, he reveals himself to be a _____ in sheep's clothing.