

Should such a man as I flee (Quality: Very good, quiet)

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[0 : 00] Thank you.

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[2 : 30] Thank you. Nehemiah chapter 6, the first part of verse 11.

And I said, should such a man as I flee?

The verse reads, and I said, should such a man as I flee?

And who is there, the being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life?

I will not go in.

[3 : 28] It has pleased Almighty God to leave on record this very detailed account of Nehemiah's concern.

As he went about that work of building those walls of Jerusalem.

The Spirit's illumination.

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The Lord had provided for him and climbed the hearts of many to attend unto those needs.

But assuredly, as that work of God prosperous, so opposition is encountered.

Nehemiah was brought into great straits.

[7 : 04] Nehemiah was brought into those that rose up and spoke in derision. In what do these feeble Jews this dear man of God as Jehoshaphat on another occasion gathered the people to ask help of the Lord?

Hear, O God, for we are despised and turn their reproach upon their own head.

we felt as we read that first chapter of our reading how it was that Judah first, amongst those who conspired against Jerusalem to hinder that work, spoke of the impossibility of those things being performed, the Jews that had returned.

Much rubbish so that we are not able to build the wall. The adversaries they shall not know neither see till we come in the midst among them and slay them.

From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you. Nehemiah felt his own weakness, realised his need of that help of almighty God to continue in that which he was persuaded was right in the sight of almighty God.

[9 : 36] the work is great and large. They laboured in that work.

He made provision for that watching for the enemy and instructed the people to resort unto him for he saith our God shall fight for us.

Neither know we what to do but our eyes are upon thee. But a little later those adversaries haven't spoken in scorn and realising that this did not bring about a cessation of that work but rather bound the people together in that pursuit of that desire of their heart the building of those walls of Jerusalem.

Now they sought by more subtle means to overthrow that work we read that they sought to confer together the amount of God was given much discernment and was able to return that reply I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down.

He sought through those devilish schemes to hinder that work. they sent unto me four times after this sword I answered them after the same manner the fifth time Sanballat sent his servant with a letter in his hand trace the accusation via all that word accusing this dear man of God seeking to promote himself when he was spurred on in reality with that

[13 : 04] God given zeal for the work of God. Those accusations must have sorely spitting his heart such good countenance that such things should motivate his labour they said make thyself a king in that thou hast appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem come now therefore and let us take counsel together there are no such things oh how firm was that denial friends there are the seasons when these are courageous in the work of

God and must emphatically deny that which is spoken against them thou painest these out of thine own heart they all made us afraid they sought to weaken their hands from that work he set himself to ask help of the Lord strengthen oh God my hands now again they sought by other means to cause that labour to cease he sent a so called prophet one that came supposedly with the word of the

Lord saying that many sought to slay him thus he advised that sheltering in the temple this brought forth this response from Nehemiah's heart should such a man as I flee we cannot tell what is the purpose of almighty God in laying such a word upon one's spirit this evening the Lord alone knoweth word perhaps which some may not even have realized lie within holy writ the rising up of this man of

God against that opposition should such a man as I flee does Satan tempt me to give up and call no more on Jesus name we read of those letters they passed through many hands in Judah was that reported of the good of those that opposed Nehemiah reported also those words of this man of God sent to sent letters to put me in fear we heard it said but a few days ago that the opposition made it out against our standing as gospel standard causes so increased over these last two years things that nothing like it has been known before sent letters to put me in fear shall or should such a man as I flee some may feel ready to give up ready to lay down that charge a solemn word is spoken concerning

Lot's wife who looked back oh God strengthen my hands should such a man as I flee there is opposition there ever is to the cause of Christ those foes increase and gain ground and would destroy if it were possible the faith of God's elect now see this man had a burden upon his heart such a man as

[20 : 37] I the Lord had laid that burden there it was not that which he had gathered unto himself but rather that which the Lord had laid upon his spirit that report came concerning the desolation of Jerusalem her broken walls it stirred this man up to seek help of God should such a man as I flee should he who had been raised up of God who felt his own weakness realized his need conscience of his utter dependence upon the

Lord should he lay down those charges would there not be a falling away of those that labored where would have been that rallying voice to strengthen and support them in those days of such conflict should such a man as I flee from fields hill this dear man of God was stirred and stirred of God to renounce those accusations and to show clearly his confidence in his God in the continuance of that labor upon Jerusalem's wars should such a man as I flee.

These were very subtle moves by the adversary. Nehemiah was put into the very peril of his life.

Yet he believed in his God. Believed in his ability and willingness to save and deliver in that hour of his need.

And he would not relinquish that post. But there are the times when such a rallying is needed, such a renouncing of those devilish drakes to cause that laying down of alms.

[24 : 46] That sitting now and continuing no more in that conflict.

Maybe some feel ready to get up. The pressures are so great. Those accusing words so strong.

Those letters so better. judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace.

The bird may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower. should such a man as I flee.

There are those occasions in the paths of providence the Lord calls one and another to those places of responsibility, those posts of duty.

[26 : 27] The Lord prayed himself unto his Holy Father that he would keep them in the world that they may not be of the world.

that light is to shine in this dark and evil day.

We have felt at times that all those that feared God sat back and said they could no longer endure that opposition of the world.

Where would that candle be seen? That light of truth? We'll put it this way. As the thought comes, did Daniel subjected to that opposition relinquish his post?

Did he lay down those arms? No. Raised to eminence in that heathen country under a monarch that feared not God.

[28 : 02] He stood fast, stood firm for that he believed should such a man as I flee.

E'en as they schemed out of the jealousy of their heart to bring him from that place nearest unto the monarch.

E'en as they devised that way, that only way in which they could find any accusation against Daniel, it must be on account of his religion.

should such a man as I flee, friends, that dear man opened as what his wont those windows towards Jerusalem and prayed unto his God.

He looked toward the holy temple of God and committed his course, committed himself and all that concerned him into the gracious hands of his God.

[29 : 40] did this prevent them furthering that devilish design?

No. Daniel must be cast into that den of lions. please just a psalm is that said my soul is among lions.

But that monarch could not sleep that night. See upon what little things as it were hangs the safety of God's anointed.

Touch not mine anointed. Do my prophets know how? Early that monarch came to that den of lions.

is thy God Daniel whom thou serviced continually able to save thee from the lions.

[31 : 13] My God has shut the mouths of those lions. Did Daniel relinquish that charge?

He stood fast, stood firm for those things in which he verily believed. And the power and glory of God was seen in amongst that heathen people.

Any other like occasions there are? I think of the prophet as those of Baal came. That signal deliverance shall such a man as I flee.

remember in after that signal deliverance he fell prey to those doubts and fears fearing that his life should be taken by that wicked woman jezebel.

Such is our nature. Such is the weakness of our faith. One says our faith is feeble, we confess, we faintly trust thy word, but wilt thou pity us the less, be that far from thee, Lord?

[33 : 07] should such a man as I flee.

Nehemiah defuted those accusations, determined not to be caught in that snare, continued with that work, being against all that opposed him, should such a man as I flee.

One feels it in this way, those precious doctrines, God honouring, Christ exalting doctrines, the articles of our faith are assailed.

Should we lay down our arms? Should it not be with us? Oh, may we know more of that gracious zeal of the Spirit for the cause of Christ, as it might be said to stand up and be counted in these last days to show forth whose we are and whom we desire to serve.

Should such a man as I flee? Many of these things are held in derision.

[35 : 10] They're scorned. The low state of Zion, our churches, were a great burden to God's people.

Should such a man as I flee? The Lord will have those in the forefront of the battle.

He has said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. my presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

All may seem impossible. Those enemies of truth ride, as it were, rough shot over the little remnant.

These have but one resource, but that a benefit which the world knoweth nothing of, the mercy seed, the throne of Christ.

[36 : 43] One says concerning prayer, the feeble soul can wield it best. Should such a man as I flee, do these few thoughts find a place in thine heart?

many are they that do oppose. Many that would see our destruction would have us destroyed, would delight in our downfall.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. To whom else can we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.

Should such a man, one that hath been favored of God with some hope in his mercy, one that hath rejoiced and sovereign electing love, one that hath tasted that the Lord is gracious, one who can trace in some little measure perhaps that bringing out from Egypt into that promised land of rest, one who hath seen that signal deliverance from the enemies of old, seen them overcome at the

Red Sea, those floods stood up as an heap. should such a man as I flee?

[39 : 11] It may be so, speaking as did the psalmist to his own soul. Why art thou cast down, O my soul?

Why art thou disquied within thee? Hope thou in God that thou shalt yet praise him. This secret communing and perhaps a word like this, the Lord alone knoweth, may strengthen that resolve of faith amidst those things that oppose, whether it be in providence, whether it be the adversary of our souls in seeking to undermine that faith of God's elect.

whether it be as concerning some step before thee the Lord alone knoweth should such a man as I flee surely bring dishonor upon the cause of Christ.

It would bring reproach upon his blessed name. God strength on my hands should such a man as I flee.

For a few moments our thoughts would go to the God man the Lord Jesus Christ.

[41 : 16] Greater opposition none ever countenanced as he did as he walked from Bethlehem to Gethsemane and Calvary.

shall such a man as I flee.

His mother Joseph questioned him in that tender age of twelve as he reasoned with those elders of the temple.

His reply wish ye not that I must be about my father's business.

Shall such a man as I flee? thy father's will his purpose for thee friends it may seem often does seem impossible.

[42 : 50] How can it be that such a weak creature should ever walk in those paths shall such a man as I flee?

Follow him follow him to Gethsemane. Trace thee blessed humanity of Christ in those breathings from his holy human soul.

If it be possible let this cup pass from me nevertheless not my will but thine be done.

Oh God my God why hast thou forsaken me? He the eternal Son of God the Lord Jesus Christ in his sufferings intense sufferings of body mind and soul pursued with that steadfastness of purpose that path to Gethsemane and Calvary shall such a man as I flee.

Never was there a conflict so severe as that engaged in in that garden that secluded spot surrounded by those olive groves a place where Christ was wont to be found.

[45 : 05] sacred spot that witnessed many a prayer from his holy lips from his sacred soul to his father in heaven.

Never us bought witness such a conflict those powers of evil arrayed against the Lamb of God shall such a man seems such an import in those words as we relate it to Christ such a man the anointed of God he who took up that book in Nazareth that home town speak of those things very fulfilled that day in their ears the spirit of the Lord poured upon him from on high in full measure shall such a man as I flee they rejected him the

Jews rejected him he went unto his own and his own received him not such a man as I flee he carried out that work of redemption he laid down his life according to the purpose of his father the counsel of Jehovah he endured one says what no tongue can tell to save our souls from death and hell he discharged that office fulfilled that which was demanded of him in that one sacrifice for sin willingly offered himself upon the cross went to the end of the law for righteousness shall such a man as

I flee he conquered when he fell they opposed him foully smote him despised and scorned him set him at naught reviled him with their lips smote him with that reed laid upon his sacred head that crown of thorns love to the church of God nailed him fixed him to that cross of wood sin thou weep bitterly as with

Peter thou just realize those hard departures prone to wander Lord I feel it prone to leave the God I trust I love he denied him fled he did the voice of a man denied him who had done such great things for him he went out and wept bitterly tears of contrition heartfelt confession and godly repentance that occasion enabled Peter to write in all humanity those precious epistles he spoke from his heart he knew his own failings and this yea that very circumstance strengthen him such is the work of grace such the perplexity the paradox of these things one says

[50 : 34] I die daily but this death this destruction of all that is of the flesh is for the greater glory of god when I am weak then am I strong my grace my grace is sufficient for thee oh may we if nothing more take these words home connect them with this word of Nehemiah should such a man as I flee flee from those responsibilities flee from those duties flee from that course lay that path laid before thee shout such a man as I flee said the Lord my grace is sufficient for thee my strength is made perfect in weakness when we are weak then are we strong in

Christ amen to our health economy and see in instance we are we going to our Ult