

# Nehemiah 3:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse within Nehemiah 3 addresses themes of community, cooperation, diligence, stewardship. The detailed listing of builders demonstrates organized community effort where each person contributes according to ability and opportunity. This passage demonstrates biblical principles applicable across both testaments—God's sovereignty combined with human responsibility, faith expressed through obedient action, and the necessity of both individual and corporate commitment to covenant faithfulness. Nehemiah models leadership that combines vision, prayer, courage, integrity, and perseverance amid sustained opposition.

## Historical Context

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Nehemiah's account occurs during Persian imperial dominance (539-331 BC), specifically 445-433 BC under Artaxerxes I. The 52-day wall completion represents remarkable achievement given opposition and limited resources. Excavations have confirmed portions of Nehemiah's wall and various gates mentioned in the text. The Persian period was crucial transitional time when Jewish identity shifted from monarchical nationalism to Torah-centered covenantal community. Without

political independence, the people's cohesion depended on shared scripture, temple worship, and covenant obedience. This established patterns persisting through the Second Temple period into New Testament times. Understanding this context illuminates Jesus's ministry among a people shaped by these reforms and challenges.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Nehemiah 3:30 deepen your understanding of God's character and His work in human history?
2. What specific action or attitude change does this verse call you to make in your walk with God?
3. How can the principles demonstrated in this passage inform your response to current challenges in your life or church?

## Interlinear Text

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אָחֵר יוֹ	קִיְּמָה יִקְוֶה	חֲנַנְיָה הַ	בֶּן	שְׁלֵמְיָה הַ	וְחַנּוּן וְ	בֶּן
After	him repaired	Hananiah	son	of Shelemiah	and Hanun	son
H310	H2388	H2608	H1121	H8018	H2586	H1121
צֶלָף	הַשֵּׁשִׁי	מִדָּה	שֵׁנִי	אָחֵר יוֹ	קִיְּמָה יִקְוֶה	מֶשֶׁלָּם
of Zalaph	the sixth	piece	another	After	him repaired	Meshullam
H6764	H8345	H4060	H8145	H310	H2388	H4918
בְּרֵכְיָה	נֶגְדָה	נִשְׁכָּתוֹ:				
of Berechiah	H5048	over against his chamber				
H1296		H5393				

