

# Nehemiah 6:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.**

This verse within Nehemiah 6 addresses themes of deception, completing the work, steadfastness, discernment. Enemies shift tactics from open opposition to subtle deception, requiring spiritual discernment to complete the wall in 52 days. 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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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does Nehemiah 6:8 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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וְאֶשְׁלַחְהָ	אֵלָיו	אֹמֵר	לֹא	נִהְיָה	כִּדְבָרִים	הֵיאֵלָהּ
<b>Then I sent</b>	H413	<b>as thou sayest</b>	H3808	<b>There are</b>	<b>no such things</b>	H428
H7971		H559		H1961	H1697	

אֶתְּהָ	אֶתְּהָ	אֹמֵר	כִּי	מִלְּבָבָם	אֶתְּהָ
H834	H859	<b>as thou sayest</b>	H3588	<b>them out of thine own heart</b>	H859
		H559		H3820	

בִּזְדָּאִים:

**but thou feignest**

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 52:2** (Parallel theme): Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

**Job 13:4** (Parallel theme): But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value.

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