



When God's Hand Opens Human Doors

Nehemiah 2:1-8



## Key Verse

*“...and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king’s forest, so that he will give me timber to construct beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, and for the city wall and for the house which I will occupy.” And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me. (Neh 2:8)*



Background

Nehemiah has been praying and fasting for **four months**, carrying a quiet, holy burden for a broken city and a burned-out people.

Neh 1:4



Neh 2:1-3

Opportunity and Answer come  
Unexpectedly... but Nehemiah is ready.

Four months of prayer prepared him.



Neh 2:3-7

“What do you request?”

- *“I need letters for safe passage.”*
- *“I need a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king’s forest.”*
- *“I need timber for the temple fortress gates.”*
- *“I need timber for the city wall.”*
- *“I need timber for the house I’ll live in while I work.”*



Neh 2:8

**“And the king granted *them* to me according to the good hand of my God upon me” Neh 2:8**

This is a beautiful collision of planning, bold asking, and God’s unseen favor.



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- 3. The Order of the Timber:**
  - 1. Gates of the Fortress by the Temple**
  - 2. The City Wall**
  - 3. My House**



## Nehemiah's Priorities

### Applications

- God's Worship
- God's People
- His Own Needs



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**What specific “timber” do you need to ask for?**

**Where have you seen the “good hand of God” on you in the past?**



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**There is quiet confidence in knowing that if anything good happens, it's because God's hand is in it.**



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