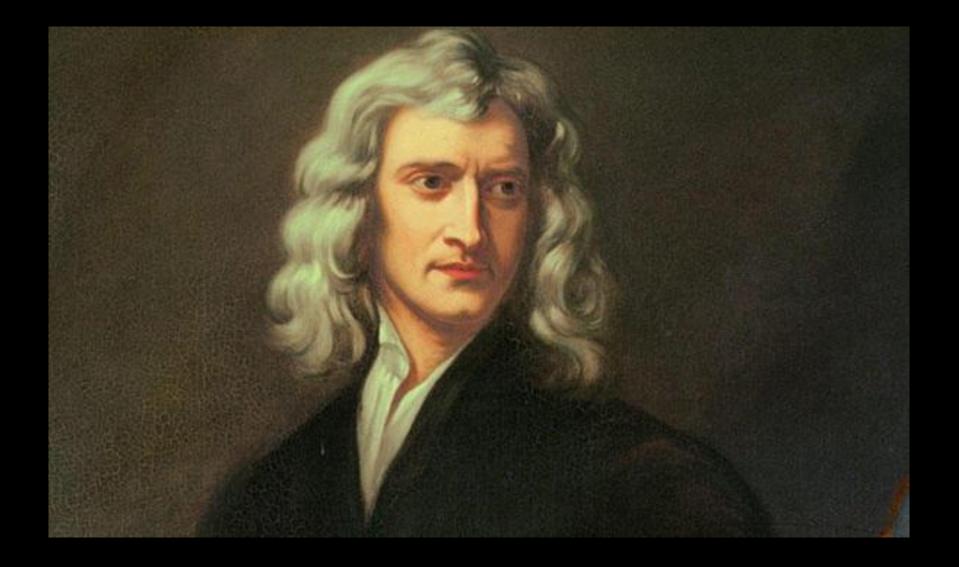


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Sir Isaac Newton

Nehemiah 4:1-3 NIV

When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, "What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble – burned as they are?"

Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, "What are they building – even a fox climbing on it would break down their wall of stones!"

Nehemiah 4:4 NIV

Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads.

Nehemiah 4:8 NIV

They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.

Nehemiah 4:9 NIV

But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

Nehemiah 4:10-12 NIV

Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot build the wall." Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work."

Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us."

Nehemiah 4:14 NIV

"Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

So we continued the work with half the men holding spears, from the first light of dawn till the stars came out. At that time I also said to the people, "Have every man and his helper stay inside Jerusalem at night, so they can serve as guards by night and as workers by day."

Nehemiah 4:21-23 NIV

Neither I nor my brothers nor my men nor the guards with me took off our clothes; each had his weapon, even when he went for water.

Ephesians 6:10 NIV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.