

TEXT PROFILE BRIEF

- The Adversary's Attention
- A Serpent-Subtle Proposition
- A Discerningly, Bold Rejection

PONDER, THEN PRACTICE:

1. The successful achievement of notable spiritual progress both in our spiritual lives and appointed assignments always draws the scrutinizing surveillance spiritual opposition.

Hence, the Word of God instructs us to remain discerningly vigilant. (**Acts 13:50**)

2. Inevitably, the rivals of righteousness will always refocus their focused energy of opposition on that which manifests unmistakable evidence of progressive advancement in the work of righteousness and redemption.

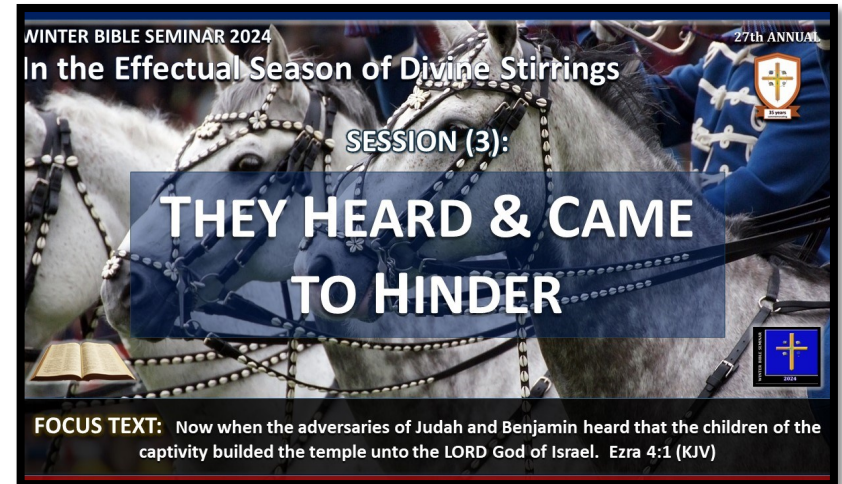
Hence, the Word of Truth teaches us to be watchfully and wisely conscience of our adversary's deceptive tactics. (**2 Cor. 11:13**)

3. When knowingly hampered and hamstrung by the lack of overriding authoritative resources, the rivals of righteousness will alternatively employ subtle, serpent-base methods of interactive engagement in attempting to negatively influence the successful progressive spiritual development in our lives, and to stifle any measure of the advancement of our assigned holy venture.

Therefore, the Word of God duly charges us to be alert and prepared to repel all such spiritual assaults. (**Eph. 6:11**)

TOPIC (3) DISCOVERY TEXT:

And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia. Ezra 4:5 (KJV)



SESSION (3)

Ezra 4:1-4 (KJV)

Ezra 4:1 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel;

² Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither.

³ But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

⁴ Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building.

True Evidence of Progress & Advancement

Scripture reminds the successive generations of the Gospel Era that we too must contend with opposing spiritual opposition whose relentless objective is to halt and scuttle any notable venture whose aim is to deliver "lost souls" from the power of darkness.

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