Opposition and how to deal with it

Neh. 4

The Christian life is a struggle

**Сражением добрым я сражался, дистанцию свою завершил, веру сохранил:**

**Ибо мы боремся не против плоти и крови, но против княжеств, против властей, против правителей тьмы этого мира, против духовной нечестивости в высоких местах.**

 **ILL.** When Igor Sikorsky was 12, his parents told him that competent authorities had already proved human flight impossible. He went on to build the first helicopter. In his American plant, he posted this sign:

**И́горь Ива́нович Сико́рский** ([англ.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%90%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Igor Sikorsky*, [25 мая](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/25_%D0%BC%D0%B0%D1%8F) [1889](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1889), [Киев](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D0%B8%D0%B5%D0%B2), [Российская империя](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A0%D0%BE%D1%81%D1%81%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B0%D1%8F_%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B8%D1%8F) — [26 октября](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/26_%D0%BE%D0%BA%D1%82%D1%8F%D0%B1%D1%80%D1%8F) [1972](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1972), [Истон](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easton%2C_Connecticut) (англ.) [русск.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Easton,_Connecticut&action=edit&redlink=1), штат [Коннектикут](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B5%D0%BA%D1%82%D0%B8%D0%BA%D1%83%D1%82), [США](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%A8%D0%90)) — русский и американский авиаконструктор, учёный, изобретатель, философ.

*According to recognized aerotechnical tests, the bumblebee (шмель) cannot fly because of the shape and weight of his body in relation to the total wing area. The bumblebee does not know this, so he goes ahead and flies anyway.*

Согласно признанным аэротехническим испытаниям, шмель (шмель) не может летать из-за формы и веса своего тела по отношению к общей площади крыла. Шмелю это не известно, поэтому он все равно идет и летит.

1. Endeavoring in the Christian life means opposition from the world, flesh, or devil.

2. “Satan” – adversary. God saved you. He’s got a plan laid out for you – bring glory to Him.

 i. The opposition has a plan. Stop or hinder God’s plan in your life.

3. He’s not after the half-hearted. He’s trying to stop those that shake off the world, flesh and devil and attempt fulfilling the will of God for your life.

**I. ПРОДВИЖЕНИЕ** – (2:17, 18). Advancement, progression, progress!

Препятствие/ оппозиция (ridicule by enemies (2:19, 20)

**II. ADVANCEMENT** (3:1-23)

1. Препятствие/ оппозиция (4:1-3) **осмеяние**

 i. 5 questions to get you to stop, doubt, quit.

 **ILL.** Young boy gets saved. His kin should be happy. No! they laugh at him.

2. Questions to make you doubt.

 **“Yea, hath God said…”**

3. Oтвет – PRAYER (4:4-6)

And hard work.

 **ILL.** Tom always quotes (Phil. 4:6, 7)

 **ILL.** If you’ve had heartache, problems, misfortune. Just get up and keep going.

 **ILL.** “Who cares?” Let God do what He wants.

**II.** **ПРОДВИЖЕНИЕ** (4:6)

v. 6 Так строили мы стену; и соединена была вся стена до половины ее: **ибо народ имел желание работать.**

1. Препятствие / оппозиция (4:7, 8) threats угроза

 угрозы и преследования со стороны расистов

 **ILL.** “If you don’t keep quiet about the boss’s corruption, you’ll get fired.”

 **ILL. “**Don’t you start this stuff about Jesus!”

2. Ответ (4:9) prayer and watch, preparedness.

 **ILL.** kids prepare for school

 **ILL.** Daniel

 **ILL.** It’s all in the preparation

 **ILL.** talking with Pete about Acts 16: prayer cycle: prayer, vision, plan, prepare and proceed.

**III. ПРОДВИЖЕНИЕ** (4:9)

1. Препятствие – Discouragement and exhaustion (vss. 10-12)

Going to and from work they nail the Jews

 нервное истощение

 state of exhaustion — состояние истощения

They had lost their earlier heart for the work that had resulted in the wall rapidly being built to the halfway mark (4:6).

 **ILL.** The same thing is true in your walk with God. When you first get on fire for the Lord, it’s exciting. “We’re going to win the world for Christ!” Every Bible study you go to seems fresh and challenging.

Answer – constant preparedness (4:13-18) vigilance

1 Pet. 5:8 **Будьте трезвы, будьте бдительны; потому что противник ваш дьявол, как рыкающий лев, ходит вокруг, ища кого сожрать:**

Answer – action, tact (vss. 19-23)

Do your job

 i. Living near the edge of the enemy –

This *negativism* came from the Jews themselves who lived near the enemy (4:12).

 ii. Invariably, *negativism* (склонность к отрицанию) in the church comes from professing Christians who live near the enemy and are not involved in the Lord’s work.

 SUCH NEGATIVISM IS THE ENEMY OF FAITH.

 **ILL.** Spies said, “We can’t take the land. We’re as grasshoppers.”

**V.** **ПРОДВИЖЕНИЕ** (4:23)

1. Препятствие – internal strife (5:1-5)

2. Godly anger (5:6)

 Strong preaching, convictions, etc. (5:7-11)

 **ILL.** Cf. “God is love, etc.”

 **ILL.** The reason to stand. We’ve got what God wants.

Prayer (5:19)

**VI.** **ПРОДВИЖЕНИЕ**

1. Препятствие (6:1, 2)

 i. craftiness (Eph. 4:14)

2. Answer – keep your eyes on the Lord and His will (v. 3)

 Overcome by wisdom and hard work.

3. Препятствие (6:5-7) False accusation!

4. Answer – prayer and self-control (vss. 8, 9)

1. Препятствие – (6:10) treachery (вероломство, измена, предательство)

Answer – Courage (v. 11)

Eph. 6:10 **Наконец, братья мои, будьте сильны в Господе, и в силе могущества его.**

**VII. THE MOST DANGEROUS OPPOSITION –**

**ПРОДВИЖЕНИЕ** Ezra 3:11

Hindrance (Ezra 4:1, 2)

Противники обычно пытаются создать союз перед противостоянием (Лук. 20:20; Деян. 4:17; 20:29; Иуда 3-4).

Они притворяются, что заботятся о деле, но их истинной целью является захватить дело и контролировать народ.

Правильным ответом является вежливо, но твердо отклонить предложение помощи от противника и процитировать наивысший законный авторитет.

 **ILL.** “We’re believers like you too.” “Let us build together” “There is one God.” “Let’s all get together.”

 **ILL.** “Rome remained great as long as she had enemies who forced her to unity, vision and heroism. When she had overcome all her enemies, she flourished for a moment and then began to die” Opposition kept Rome strong.

*APPLICATION:*

If you know Christ and try to accomplish anything for Him, you will experience opposition, especially if you are in leadership.

Respond as Nehemiah did, with prayer, keeping on with the work, vigilance against the enemy, and keeping your focus on the great and awesome God whom we serve.

Conclusion

Invitation

Saved

Unsaved

Your only opposition is your own will. Jesus Christ came to save your soul.

**Это есть верное слово, и достойное всякого принятия, что Христос Иисус пришел в мир спасти грешников; из которых я – главный.**