

# Nehemiah 8



The eighth chapter of Nehemiah is likely the most preached chapter from this book. It contains powerful lessons about the preaching of God's word. Here we find the people all assembled and Ezra, the priest, reads from the Law of God. The chapter ends with a restoration of the Feast of Booths. This chapter shows us a look into Old Testament worship.

One writer divided the book of Nehemiah this way:

- ch 1-6 is the r\_\_\_\_\_ of the wall
- ch 7-13 is the r\_\_\_\_\_ of the wall builders

### Some Textual Observations:

- This is the first time \_\_\_\_\_ appears in Nehemiah
- The discussion no longer is about walls, but about the L\_\_\_\_\_
- The writing shifts from personal pronoun to \_\_\_rd person
- We see multiple references to the Law
  - The Book of the Law of Moses (1)
  - The Law (2, 7, 14)
  - The book (8)
  - The Law of God (8)
  - Words of the Law (13)
  - The Book of the Law of God (18)
- Ezra stood behind a wooden podium (pulpit) (4)

"in the law, the Lord had commanded Moses" (14)

### We see the incredible attitude towards God's word:

- This is a significant change. Before the Babylonian captivity, the nation ignored God (Jer 6:16, 10). Now the returning nation has a humble love for the Lord.
1. The preaching lasted \_\_\_\_\_ (3): from early morning until midday
  2. The people \_\_\_\_\_ when the Law was read (5)
  3. The people were a \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
  4. They gathered the n\_\_\_\_\_ day for more insight into the Law (13)
  5. They \_\_\_\_\_ what was read (7-8)
  6. The people \_\_\_\_\_ when they heard the Law read (9)
  7. They \_\_\_\_\_ the Feast of the Booths when they learned (14)

1. The Feast of Booths (14-18): was the fall festival in which the Jews remembered the time in the \_\_\_\_\_ (tents, booths) and celebrated the harvest of the Lord.
  - this was a joyous celebration (12, 17)
  - this feast had been ignored since the days of Joshua (17)

### LESSONS LEARNED:

1. The Bible was considered \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Reading of God's word is \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Audience had a proper \_\_\_\_\_ to the hearing of God's word
4. The Bible can be \_\_\_\_\_
5. The Bible has \_\_\_\_\_ explanation
6. When we find that we are not doing what God says, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ and do it
7. The people had a \_\_\_\_\_ for hearing God's word
8. We honor God by \_\_\_\_\_ His word
9. We have an \_\_\_\_\_ into what preaching was like in O.T. times
10. We see the value of \_\_\_\_\_
  - gathered as one man (1)
  - the entire assembly made booths (17)
11. The value of bringing God's word into the \_\_\_\_\_ (13)
12. God's word has wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ (13)

### A Guideline For Preachers:

1. Bring the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (2)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the book in the sight of all (5)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ from the Bible (3)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ what was read (7)
5. Make \_\_\_\_\_ and give understanding to what was read (8)