



**Revival**

**Nehemiah 8:1-12**

# Call to the Word

Nehemiah 8:8-10





So they read distinctly from the book,  
in the Law of God; and they gave the  
sense, and helped *them* to understand  
the reading.

Call To  
The Word

**Neh 8:8-10**



## Call To The Word

**And Nehemiah, who *was* the governor, Ezra the priest *and* scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day *is* holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.**

**Neh 8:8-10**



## Call To The Word

Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this day is holy* to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

**Neh 8:8-10**

# introduction

Nehemiah 8:1-12





## Revival

**Re:** back again

**viv:** life, alive

**al:** related to

intro

*“You cannot revive the lost... you can only revive the saved.”*

**Neh 8:1-12**



*“When the Word of God is proclaimed  
and the people of God are mobilized,  
revival has occurred.” (Swindoll)*

*intro*

**Neh 8:1-12**



# background

Nehemiah 8:1-12





## Back- ground

*There is a spiritual vacuum in the city...  
no life... can happen to any community  
of believers*

*Rev 3:1*

**Neh 8:1-12**



*Preparation of the Spirit: v1a*

## Outline

*Proclamation of the Word: vv. 1a – 8*

*Performance of Repentance: vv. 9 - 12*

**Neh 8:1-12**

# Preparation of the Spirit

Nehemiah 8:1a





Prep  
of the  
Spirit

**“The Spirit of God working through the Word of God, in the lives of the people of God.” (Orr)**

**Neh 8:1**

# Proclamation of the Word

Nehemiah 8:1b - 8





Proclaim  
The  
Word

**Proclaimed Humbly...**

If a revival is to break out... God's people fulfill their calling with humility.

**Neh 8:1**



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**Proclaimed to a Ready Audience**

*“the ears of all the people were  
attentive to the Book of the Law”*

**Neh 8:2-8**





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Word

Attentive: engaged in intentional listening in order to gain an understanding, to know what's going on, to make connections; a hunger for truth... for relevancy... to hear from God... it is an intentionality that will not be denied...

**Neh 8:2-8**



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Reverent Audience

*Ezra "blessed" God*

*1Pe 1:3*

**Neh 8:2-8**



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## Reverent Audience

- **The people thanked God** (by saying Amen when Ezra blessed the Lord)
- **They prayed** (by lifting up their hands)
- **They worshipped** (by bowing down before Him)

**Neh 8:2-8**



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Reverent Audience

Thanksgiving, prayer, and praise are all good measures of how the Spirit of God and Word of God are working in us.

**Neh 8:2-8**



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Word**

## Proclaimed and Explained

**“understand” means in Hebrew “to make something distinct, to separate it from something else so as to make it flow together in a meaningful fashion.”**

**Neh 8:2-8**

# Performance of Repentance

Nehemiah 8:9-12





## Repentance

The depth of their guilt brought weeping... that's a sign revival is taking hold of a heart

Perform  
Repentance

**Neh 8:9-12**



## Repentance

“Send portions” – giving to the poor

Perform  
Repentance

**Neh 8:9-12**





## Repentance

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance..." Mat 3:7 -8

*Perform  
Repentance*

**Neh 8:9-12**



**“Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” v10**

**Perform  
Repentance**

**Neh 8:9-12**



# Perform Repentance

*“Nothing that is infinite can be less than it is, and it cannot be any more than it was. It is infinite, which means boundless, unlimited; it has no measurement on any side, because measurements are created things, and God is uncreated. **The mercy of God has never been any more than it is now; and it will never be any less than now.**”*  
- (A.W. Tozer)

**Neh 8:9-12**



Perform  
Repentance

*Sing, my soul, adore His name;  
Let His glory be thy theme;  
Praise Him till He calls thee home;  
Trust His love for all to come.  
ANONYMOUS (1800)*

**Neh 8:9-12**



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