

# SERMON NOTES - JOY NEHEMIAH

**GOD'S WORD READ AND EXPLAINED TO GOD'S PEOPLE (8:1-8):** EZRA STANDS ON A WOODEN PLATFORM IN FRONT OF THE WATER GATE AND READS THE BOOK OF THE LAW TO THE PEOPLE.

*THE PEOPLE GATHERED AS ONE (v. 1)*

*THE PEOPLE ASKED FOR GOD'S WORD (v. 1)*

*THE PEOPLE WERE ATTENTIVE (vv. 2-3)*

*THE PEOPLE WERE RESPONSIVE (4-6)*

*THE PEOPLE WERE SUBMISSIVE (v. 6)*

*THE PEOPLE WERE TEACHABLE (vv. 7-8)*

*IT'S TIME TO REJOICE IN GOD BY FEEDING OUR HUNGER FOR GOD'S WORD*

**GOD'S WORD EXPERIENCED (8:9-12):** THE PEOPLE WEEP AS THEY LISTEN TO THE LAW, BUT EZRA, NEHEMIAH, AND THE LEVITES TELL THEM TO REJOICE SINCE IT IS A SACRED DAY.

*THE PEOPLE'S SINFULNESS WAS EXPOSED (v.9)*

*THE PEOPLE FOUND GREAT JOY (vv. 9-10)*

*THE PEOPLE SHARED THEIR JOY (vv. 10-12)*

*IT'S TIME TO REJOICE IN GOD BY FINDING THAT THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH*

**GOD'S WORD CELEBRATED (8:10, 13-18):** EZRA, THE PRIESTS, AND THE LEVITES STUDY THE LAW AND REALIZE THE LORD HAS CALLED THE PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE (FESTIVAL OF SHELTERS), SO THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE.

*IT'S TIME TO REJOICE IN GOD BY UNITING AS ONE TO CELEBRATE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.*

## **GOD'S INVITATION TO JOY (ISAIAH 55:1-3)**

*"COME, ALL YOU WHO ARE THIRSTY, COME TO THE WATERS; AND YOU WHO HAVE NO MONEY, COME, BUY AND EAT! COME, BUY WINE AND MILK WITHOUT MONEY AND WITHOUT COST. 2 WHY SPEND MONEY ON WHAT IS NOT BREAD, AND YOUR LABOR ON WHAT DOES NOT SATISFY? LISTEN, LISTEN TO ME, AND EAT WHAT IS GOOD, AND YOUR SOUL WILL DELIGHT IN THE RICHEST OF FARE. 3 GIVE EAR AND COME TO ME; HEAR ME, THAT YOUR SOUL MAY LIVE. I WILL MAKE AN EVERLASTING COVENANT WITH YOU, MY FAITHFUL LOVE PROMISED TO DAVID (ISAIAH 55:1-3).*



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