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Nehemiah 8: Joy of the Lord is our Strength

The Role of the Scottish Church Beadle:

Verses: 1-8

Do you think that these people had a respect for the Words of God read by Ezra that day?

At times they worshipped with their faces on the ground, do you think they respected the Old Testament as something that they should take seriously?

Hope Statement of Faith #2

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

1. Who decides what is right and wrong? Do humans choose or is the Bible the ultimate authority.
2. Who decides what is male and female? Individual choice or is the Bible the ultimate authority.
3. How should I decide to live my life? Up to me or should the Bible be my ultimate authority.
4. What should I think about myself? However, I feel or what God says about me?
5. How do I determine what God is like? My creation or about what God says about himself.

Verses 9-12

God does not want you to dwell in what a great sinner you are, but what a GREAT SAVIOR HE IS!

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. (1 Timothy 1:15-16)

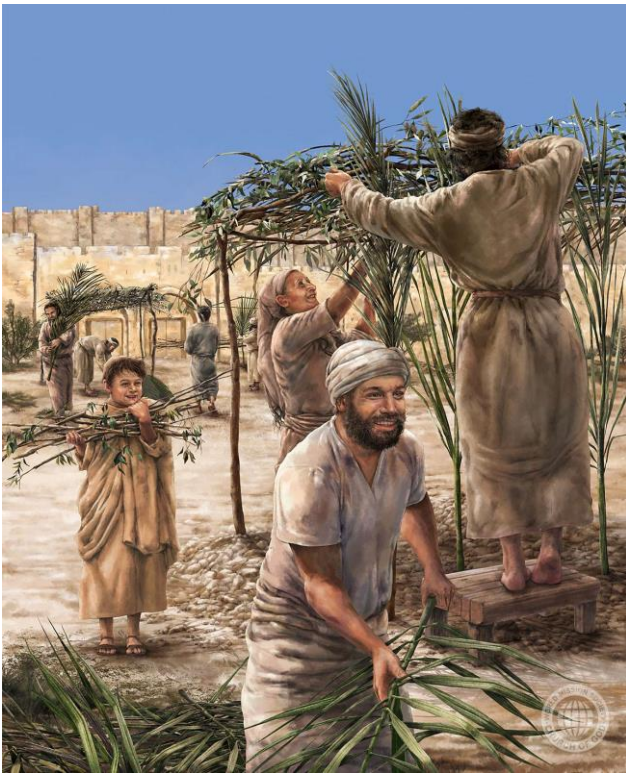
“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. (Isaiah 1:18)

*Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.
(Nehemiah 8:10)*

Verses 13-18

Festival of the Booths

So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land ... take branches from ... leafy trees—and rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. ... Live in temporary shelters for seven days: (Leviticus 23:39-41)



God wanted to remind them that He had provided for them when they were wandering in the desert after being in Egypt, and HE is providing for them in the harvest season.

God also wanted them to remember that this is not their home. Don't get too comfortable, you are only here a short while. This life is temporary.

Super Sunday Scholar Quiz

1. We are to consider the Bible as our ultimate _____.
2. God does not want you to dwell in what a great sinner you are, but what a GREAT _____ HE IS!
3. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your _____.
(Nehemiah 8:10)
4. The Festival of the Booths reminded the people about God's provision and how this life is _____.

HOME GROUP Questions ...

Below is our church's 2nd Statement of Faith about the Word of God.

In your groups, read through the statement and go around your group, picking a verse or two from each clause to read to each other.

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures (Matt. 1:22; 4:4; 19:4,5; Heb. 1:1- 2), both Old and New Testaments (2 Pet. 3:15,16), through the words of human authors (Lk. 1:1-4). As the verbally inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20,21), the Bible is without error in the original writings (Num. 23:19; 2 Sam. 7:28; Prov. 30:5; Ps. 119:96, 160; Matt. 5:18; Jn. 10:35; 17:17; Tit. 1:1,2), the complete revelation of His will for salvation (Lk. 16:29-31; Gal. 1:8,9; 2 Tim. 3:15), and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged (Jn. 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Pet. 1:23; Ps. 119:44,45,165). Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches (Matt. 22:29; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16), obeyed in all that it requires (Matt. 28:20; 2 Thess. 3:14; 1 Jn. 2:5), and trusted in all that it promises (Rom. 1:2; 4:21; Heb. 10:23; 2 Pet. 1:4; 3:13).

How can you spend more time in God's Word this week?