

## **“The Purpose of The Pulpit”**

**Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-9**

**Text: Nehemiah 8:4**

**I. To Exalt the Savior— “Neh. 8:6”**

**II. To Encourage the Saints— “V. 6”**

**CF:**

**1 Cor. 1:18**

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

**Acts 20:28**

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

**III. To Expound the Scriptures— “Vv. 7-8”**

**CF:**

**2 Tim. 4:1-4**

I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **2**Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **3**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own

lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **4**And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

**Ephes. 4:11-14**

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **12**For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: **13**Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: **14**That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

**IV. To Expose Sin— “V. 9”**

**CF: II Tim. 4:2**

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**V. To Enlighten Sinners— “V. 9”**

**CF:**

**1 Cor. 1:21**

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

**Invitation Hymn:** *"I Am Thine O Lord"*

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