

Rejoice Again

Nehemiah 8:13-18

REJOICE AGAIN – WOMAN WITH THE LOST COIN

Luke 15:9-10 “And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, *‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’* “Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

That which goes best with holiness is not a sour distortion of justice and righteousness but freedom, beauty, and joy.

The wall up, the people gathered, being unified in God’s Word.

David Jackman (British evangelist) “What is happening here was the Spirit of God taking the Word of God and creating the Community of God.”

READ Nehemiah 8:13-17a

was had – gather to know

The heads/leaders of the houses and heads/leaders of God’s house get together.

Leaders of homes and leaders of God’s house

Goes against the grain and clashes with the curse.

Colossians 3:18-19 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

Construct not of culture but our creator.

With a purpose - IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND

To understand: to consider and learn (I don’t know what to do)

GUYS: ASK!!! *Get wisdom and understanding*

Proverbs 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

In order to get wisdom, in order to get understanding, we have to get over ourselves. No more closed-door, solo-saint, lone-soldier Christianity, we are the body of Christ, **knit together**.

Do you attend church or are you a part of church?

Raising kids... ASK!!!

Figuring out marriage... ASK!

Staring down the barrel of a job decision... ASK!

A DISCUSSION was had
was made

(14) *They found written in the Law, which the Lord had commanded*

Ultimately... you are asking the LORD

So many podcasts, audiobooks, and media bites.

NOT – Jordan Peterson or Joe Rogan, - GOD ALMIGHTY!!!

There is no substitute!!!

BRING OUT THE BOOK!!!

Which the Lord had commanded.

What did “they” find?

- What they should do – Feast of Tabernacles
- What they should say – announce and proclaim

Announce: expecting attention or a response.

Proclaim: to pass or carry over

(coach to team expects an action)

As it is written:

You don't have to make it up or figure it out. You have to find it out and live it up.

As it is written – **proclaim vs. prove**

The power is in the Word, not in your ability to argue it.

Feast of Tabernacles/Booths/Sukkot

The Feast was originally given by God to the Israelites - A yearly remembrance for God's deliverance, provision, and protection from Egypt through the wilderness and to the Promised Land.

Deliverance, Provision, Protection

- Middle of the 7th month of Tishri
 - Late Sept to mid-October
 - 5 days after the Day of Atonement
 - The fall harvest would have just been completed.
 - It was time for joyous celebration
- (celebration of deliverance, provision, and protection 40 years)

(Tabernacle/Booths/Temporary Dwelling or a hut)

All 24 divisions of priests needed to be present in order to assist in all of the sacrificial duties.

Leviticus 23:39-43 *That your generations may know...*

- Feasts - Burnt offerings - Gather the fruit (sweet) - Sabbath-rest (first and last day)
- **Rejoice before the Lord your God (to be glad, cheerful, make merry, brighten up.)**

A DISCUSSION was had
A DISCOVERY was made
Participation (16-18)

So simple... find out what is in God's Word, decide to live by it, and invite others to do it with you. *They went and did because they understood (Joy, not judgment)*

THEY THE LEADERS found out what they should do and should say.

They the rest (everyone) should get on board and participate

Little kid collecting leaves along the way

Leaders lead... but they don't do everything.

- It takes time
- It takes energy
- It takes effort

What is your excuse? No excuses!!!

- (17b) No excuses
- It had been 1,000 years. Hadn't been modeled well. We were not raised this way.
- **Feast of Tabernacles – Like the fading paint on a house... one day it's just tiered.**

No excuses – time to get the sleep out of our eyes

Romans 13:11-14 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Not discouraged - Not distracted – Rather be excited – Determined
You get to bring it all back or carry the baton into the next generation.

Don't worry about what you didn't have, look at what you get to do!

And look around... **“THEY” are all over the place**

Imagine the scenery, dwelling on rooftops and all throughout the open squares as they, for a second time have been delivered from Babylon to Jerusalem.

VERY GREAT GLADNESS

- Bible
- Feast
- Sacred Assembly – sabbath
- As prescribed

Not irreverent drunken revelry, but there was sacrifice and celebration.
I am not sure that God knows much of solemn stoic Christianity

Application:

1. Men – you are called to lead

Neck – yes, you help us see things we would not see, think things we would not think, but at the end of the day it is no one's role but God's to tell man what he is to do.

THIS WEEK!

Men – In the Word (Bible App)

Men – In Prayer

Women and children – leading does not mean walking all over you, it means going out ahead of you. God will guide the man who is looking to guide those in his life toward godliness. Let him. Help him.

Get behind and PUSH!!! Don't stand in front and oppose (1 week – GO WITH IT)

Single people – gather your friends, connect with a family, come up and we will plug you in.

2. **We are all called...** maybe to pioneer as first gen or to take hold of the baton and run.

Run and bring people with you

68% of Americans (172 million adults) are Bible curious and would like to learn more.
(70-82% of unchurched would go to church)

REJOICE AGAIN!!! – *Lost Coin* - ONE ANGLE IN HEAVEN – TOUCHDOWN

"No one has ever fallen so grievously that he may not rise again. It's true, no one stands so firmly that he may not fall. If Peter (and Paul and Barnabas) fell, I too may fall. If they rose again, I too may rise again."

"*Samson*, *David*, and many other celebrated men full of the Holy Spirit fell into grievous sins. *Job* and *Jeremiah* cursed the day of their birth; *Elijah* and *Jonah* were weary of life and desired death.

3. Rejoice Again - Feast of Tabernacles

Deliverance - Provision - Protection

Jesus was the fulfillment of the foreshadowing

Would you rather have a picture or the real thing?

Deliverance – from sin and death

Provision – the sacrifice and covering we needed

Protection – He will see you through, all the way to the gates of heaven.

Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.