



Summer Bible Study

Greentown Baptist Church
Wednesday, August 21, 2024

1. Could you expound Nehemiah 8:10 – Is His joy being my strength specific to this context or can/does this apply to believers today?

- All scripture has 3 basic applications:
 - HISTORICAL - Ezra: rebuilding of temple after return from captivity. Nehemiah: rebuilding of city defenses and services.
 - DOCTRINAL – matches the historical application, past and future: return of Jew to the land, restoration of Nation of Israel, Jerusalem, and worship according to God’s prophesy which has only been *partly* fulfilled as of today.
 - DEVOTIONAL – the detailed process of restoration in churches and individual believers. How to restore broken relationships with people and repair broken _____ to God.
- It is a Sabbath day, starting the feast of trumpets – Lev. 23:24. (trumpet → Jericho, rapture, Jewish rapture, 2nd coming of Christ)
- Nehemiah means: *compassion of Jehovah. Jehovah _____ . Comforted by God.* The people are weeping after hearing the word of God preached to them – conviction!! But this is a joyous occasion as Israel has repented and is seeking to walk in the fear of the Lord after their restoration!
- When we seek to follow after God with our whole heart, God’s joy is _____
– 1 Peter 1:8; John 16:24; Ps. 21:1; Jer. 15:16; John 15:11; Rom. 15:13!

2. Is it possible for something to be a sin for one person and not for another person? Or is all sin black and white?

- Sin is any thought, purpose, word, desire, action, or any thing that is contrary to God’s commands or law – 1 John 3:4, 5:17; Rom. 7:7-13; Pro. 21:4, 24:9; 1 Sam. 15:24 (what we do). But it is not just what we do that condemns us, but also _____ – Gen. 5:3; Rom. 5:12, 14, 18, 3:23. While God seemingly detests certain sins over others (Pro. 6:16), any sin is sufficient to condemn you – James 2:10; Rom. 6:23; Gal. 3:10.
- _____ of sin can be different depending on different factors – 1 Chron. 28:2-4 → 2 Sam. 12:1-25; Luke 22:54-62; Acts 5:1-10.
- Principle vs. _____ – Rom. 14.
- Another example of when sin can be different for people is when God gives a specific command to a specific person – Noah – Gen. 6:14-22; Abram – Gen. 12:1-4; James 4:17.

3. If we have free will, how is it possible for God to send people strong delusion and give them over to a reprobate mind? Could that be considered God removing free will?

- God desires for _____ to be saved – 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4-6; John 3:15-16; Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; 1 John 4:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:15.
- Reprobate (*abandoned to sin*) mind – Rom. 1:18-28. “Give up” = phrasal verb meaning to _____ to do something.
- Strong delusion – 2 Thess. 2:1-12.
- God is not _____ free will but is rather allowing man to exercise his own will **even if** it results in his own _____.

4. Does God honor/answer prayers more if multiple people are praying as opposed to one or only a few praying?

- Paul, it would seem, _____ in the importance of _____ praying – Col. 1:9, 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:25; 2 Thess. 1:11, 3:1; 1 Tim. 2:8; 2 Cor. 1:11. But remember, even if it is only you – James 5:16!