

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Wednesday, October 14, 2020
Nehemiah 7:73b-8:18

1. What happened in Sunday's Bible Study in Nehemiah 6:16-7:73?
 - a. The wall was finished.
 - b. The neighboring people had heard of the power of God (and saw this as a testimony that God was again with Israel) and therefore was afraid of what might happen.
 - c. The walls were finished, but Israel was empty, and the houses were not yet rebuilt.
 - d. Nehemiah took account of the Jews who had returned and gave people specific responsibilities for temple worship and the protection of Jerusalem.
 - e. Nehemiah saw that the job was not done when the last stone was laid in the wall. God had a bigger plan for the people.

2. What happens in 7:73b-8:3 in today's text?
 - a. It was the 7th month, so...
 - b. It was time for the major feasts of Israel's calendar, just like in Ezra 3.
 - c. The people came together and told Ezra to bring out the book of the Law of Moses.
 - d. Ezra read the law to all of the people from daybreak till noon...and all the people listened attentively!

3. So...do you think our people would be this excited about bringing out the commands of God to be read?
 - a. Man, I think our pastor preaches long enough as it is!
 - b. No, let's stick to the grace stuff and the lovey-dovey stuff.
 - c. Yes, of course! We want to know the will of God for our lives and need to hear about it and would stay for as long as it takes!

4. How, exactly, was the law read, according to 8:4-6?
 - a. Ezra stood up on a high wooden platform where all could see (and hear) him.
 - b. Ezra opened the book, and everyone stood up.
 - c. Ezra praised God and everyone lifted their hands and responded "Amen! Amen!"
 - d. Everyone bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

5. What were the Levites doing as the book of the Law was being read, according to 9:7-8?_

6. Do we still do this sort of thing today? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

7. What is going on in 8:13-17 (See also Leviticus 23, particularly verses 23-44)?
 - a. They are celebrating the last of the festivals, the festival of Tabernacles.
 - b. It seems like they didn't know anything about this festival until they had heard about it from the law.
 - c. Well, verse 17 says that they had not celebrated this festival like this since the days of Joshua when they first entered the promised land...so this is quite a revival and return to the commands of God!

8. What will our return/revival look like? Will there be things that God calls us to do that we have neglected for a long time or perhaps never done? _____