

**REVIVE US OH LORD**  
**Sermon Outline — Nehemiah 8**  
**Sermon Series: Nehemiah > Repair, Rebuild & Restore**  
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- Our mandate from Jehovah God is not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_. It is about selling ourselves to the mission of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is about becoming passionately committed to the fact that people are sinful and on their way to hell.
- + *Ephesians 2:1*, “Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins” (NLT).
  - “Revival” is a \_\_\_\_\_ to the believer who is living like an \_\_\_\_\_.
- + *Ephesians 2:1*, “Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins” (NLT).
- + *Psalms 119:34*, “Give me understanding and I will obey Your instructions; I will put them into practice with all my heart” (NLT).

**What Brings Revival To God’s People According to Nehemiah 8?**

1. The church must have a \_\_\_\_\_ hunger for Scripture.
  - + *Nehemiah 8:1*, “All the people assembled with a unified purpose at the square just inside the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had given for Israel to obey” (NLT).
  - + *Nehemiah 8:2-5*, “So on October 8 Ezra the priest brought the Book of the Law before the assembly, which included the men and women and all the children old enough to understand. <sup>3</sup>He faced the square just inside the Water Gate from early morning until noon and read aloud to everyone who could understand. All the people listened closely to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup>Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. To his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaijah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah. To his left stood Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam. <sup>5</sup>Ezra stood on the platform in full view of all the people. When they saw him open the book, they all rose to their feet” (NLT).
2. The church must have a \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ attitude towards God.
  - + *Nehemiah 8:6a*, “Ezra praised God, the great God . . .” (NLT).
    - The Hebrew word translated as “praised” is [יָבֵרָה, yevarekh] and it literally means “to \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - + *Exodus 3:14a*, “God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am’” (ESV) — Yahweh.
  - + *Exodus 20:7*, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain” (ESV).
  - + *Isaiah 40:15, 18, 22-23, 28-31*, “For all the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They are nothing more than dust on the scales. He picks up the whole earth as though it were a grain of sand . . . <sup>18</sup>To whom can you compare God? What image can you find to resemble Him? . . . <sup>22</sup>God sits above the circle of the earth. The people below seem like grasshoppers to Him! He spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes His tent from them. <sup>23</sup>He judges the great people of the world and brings them all to nothing . . . <sup>25</sup>To whom will you compare Me? Who is My equal?’ asks the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of His great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing . . . <sup>28</sup>Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. <sup>31</sup>But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” (NLT).
    - The Hebrew word translated as “wait” in verse 31 is [יָקַו, qoye] and is a reference to a person who continually contemplates or meditates on God’s noble character, trusts in His eternal attributes, and relies on His great power and provision. This is the person who receives God’s power and provision.
  - + *Nehemiah 8:6b*, “. . . and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen!” (ESV).
    - The Hebrew word translated as “amen” is [אָמֵן, amen]. It means” \_\_\_\_\_.”

- + Nehemiah 8:6c, “. . . lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground” (ESV).
  - + Isaiah 8:13, “But the Lord of hosts, Him you shall honor as holy. Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread” (ESV).
  - + Matthew 10:28, Jesus said, “Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into hell. Yes, He’s the one to fear” (PAR).
3. The church must have a \_\_\_\_\_ application of biblical truth.
- + Nehemiah 8:13, “Then on the second day the heads of fathers’ households of all the people, the priests and the Levites were gathered to Ezra the scribe that they might gain insight into the words of the law” (NASB).
    - “Insight” is the Hebrew word is the Hebrew word [הַשְׂכִּיל, haskil] and it means “to be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - + Mark 6:51b-52a, “. . . and the wind stopped; and they (the disciples) were utterly astonished, <sup>52</sup>for they had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves . . .” (NASB).
4. The church must have an appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ over sin.
- + Nehemiah 8:9, “Then Nehemiah, who was the ruler, and Ezra the religious leader and writer, and the Levites who taught the people, said to all of them, ‘This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not cry or be filled with sorrow.’ For all the people were crying when they heard the words of the Law” (NLT).
  - + Hebrews 4:12, “For the Word that God speaks is alive and active; it cuts more keenly than any two-edged sword: it strikes through to the place where soul and spirit meet, to the innermost intimacies of a man’s being: it exposes the very thoughts and motives of a man’s heart” (PHL).
  - + Nehemiah 8:10-12, “And Nehemiah continued, ‘Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!’ <sup>11</sup>And the Levites, too, quieted the people, telling them, ‘Hush! Don’t weep! For this is a sacred day.’ <sup>12</sup>So the people went away to eat and drink at a festive meal, to share gifts of food, and to celebrate with great joy because they had heard God’s words and understood them” (NLT).
5. The church must \_\_\_\_\_ with obedience and joy to God & His Word.
- + Nehemiah 8:14-17, “As they studied the Law, they discovered that the Lord had commanded through Moses that the Israelites should live in shelters during the festival to be held that month. <sup>15</sup>He had said that a proclamation should be made throughout their towns and in Jerusalem, telling the people to go to the hills to get branches from olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees. They were to use these branches to make shelters in which they would live during the festival, as prescribed in the Law. <sup>16</sup>So the people went out and cut branches and used them to build shelters on the roofs of their houses, in their courtyards, in the courtyards of God’s Temple, or in the squares just inside the Water Gate and the Ephraim Gate. <sup>17</sup>So everyone who had returned from captivity lived in these shelters during the festival, and they were all filled with great joy! The Israelites had not celebrated like this since the days of Joshua son of Nun” (NLT).
    - \_\_\_\_\_ led to \_\_\_\_\_ and obedience led to \_\_\_\_\_.

### What Would Be Evidence To Prove Revival Is Coming to A Church?

1. There would be evidence of us replacing \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
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  3. There would be evidence of us replacing \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
- + 2 Corinthians 4:7, “We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves” (NLT).
    - Insight led to obedience and obedience led to joy and joy led to \_\_\_\_\_ of others.