

Elements of Real Revival

Part 1: Bring out the Book!

(Nehemiah 8:1-18)

I. There must be a _____ to the Word of God.

A. There must be a _____ - _____ towards the Word of God.

When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, all the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. Nehemiah 8:1a (NIV)

B. There must be an _____ about the Word of God.

They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel. Nehemiah 8:1b (NIV)

C. There must be an _____ to the Word of God.

So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, the women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Nehemiah 8:2-3 (NIV)

D. There must be a _____ to the

Word of God.

Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullum. Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them. Nehemiah 8:4-5a (NIV)

1. There must be _____ for the Word of God.

And as he opened it, the people all stood up. Nehemiah 8:5b (NIV)

2. There must be _____ with the Word of God.

Ezra praised the Lord, the great God, and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Nehemiah 8:6 (NIV)

3. There must be _____ to the Word of God.

Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Nehemiah 8:6 (NIV)

E. There must be a _____ before the Word of God.

The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Masseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiiah— instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read. Nehemiah 8:7-8 (NIV)