

Nehemiah

Independent Baptist Church – Keeseville NY
Sunday morning – May 31st, 2009

A Manuel for Serving The LORD

“Preparing for Revival - Part 2”

Nehemiah 8:1-18 - continued from 5/17/09

Introduction: Two weeks ago we asked some direct questions to the heart of the congregation here at IBC - Are we prepared for God to send revival into our midst? Do we want God to send forth His showers of blessing in the form of revival? How far are we willing to go to be prepared for a Heaven sent revival? From Nehemiah 8:1-18 we discussed two of three areas that need preparing if we want to experience God's blessing through revival. This morning we want to look at the third area, but before we do, I would like to read an excerpt from Stephen Olford's book, HEART-CRY FOR REVIVAL and then review points one and two.

I. To the PREACHER - Are YOU Prepared?

A. How about your ANCESTRY - Ezra 7:1-5

B. How about your ABILITY - Ezra 7:6

C. How about your AMBITION - Ezra 7:10

1. A strong desire to SEEK

2. A strong desire to LEARN

3. A strong desire to TEACH

D. How about your APPROVAL - Ezra 7:6

II. To the PEOPLE - Are YOU Prepared?

A. Are we gathered in UNITY & PURPOSE together - Nehemiah 8:1

B. Are we gathered in COMMITMENT & WORSHIP together - Neh. 8:3-7

C. Are we gathered to HEAR & UNDERSTAND together - Nehemiah 8:7a-8

D. Are we gathered to WEEP & REPENT together - Nehemiah 8:9-11

E. Are we gathered to OBEY & REJOICE together - Nehemiah 8:12

III. About the _____ - Is **IT** Biblical?

A. The Planned _____

1. _____ - They gathered together

2. _____ - They worshipped the LORD

3. _____ - They read the Word of God

4. _____ - They explained the Word of God

B. The Unplanned _____

1. Their understanding of Word brought _____

2. Their conviction brought _____

3. Their repentance brought _____

4. Their obedience brought great _____