



Nehemiah: Answering the Call of God!!!

BUILDING BLOCK # 8= "Teaching"

TEXT: Nehemiah 8

Introduction: As you know, a good education is essential to success in the world today. After all, we can't build a first rate world with a second rate education. In like manner, spiritually speaking, we can't build the first rate congregation that Jesus wants with a second rate education. Our spiritual education system, in most congregations, is failing to give children and adults the basic education that they need to survive. No doubt, Nehemiah understood the importance of a good education. As soon as the gates were in place, he called for Ezra to come and teach the people. In the context powerful things are about to happen

Discussion:

- I. The Scriptures Were Expounded
Nehemiah 8:1, Psalm 119:133, Psalm 119:154, John 8:32, John 12:48, Acts 20:32,
II Timothy 3:16-17, James 1:21, Matthew 15:9, II John 9-11
- II. The Teacher Was Exemplary
Ezra 7:10, Nehemiah 8:6, 7-8, 12, Ephesians 5:17
- IV. The People Were Exhorted
Nehemiah 8:2-3, Nehemiah 8:5-7, Nehemiah 8:13-17, Nehemiah 8:18

Conclusion: In order for learning to take place in the Lord's church, we must open the word of God, find a good teacher, and pray that the people are receptive. Our facilities are much better than those afforded to Ezra, our teachers are probably more educated and more experienced, but our listening skills may not be as good. Many have crossed the tracks and have grown indifferent to the gospel. As Christians, we must listen to the architect. Otherwise, we will be building on the sand (Matthew 7:24-27). Teaching is a crucial building block in the wall of growth. Without it, we cannot build up the Lord's church or keep it strong. We must not let the Bible school go the way of the secular school. If we do, our children will be unprepared for the future, and more importantly, for heaven. Are you ready to learn? Are you ready to teach?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Teach"