July 11th, 2021



**Week 6:**

**Praise Humbly**

*“Ezra praised the Lord, the Great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.” Nehemiah 8:6 (NIV)*

1. **A of Praise**

*“And all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate.” Nehemiah 8:1a (NIV)*

1. A place of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. A place of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. A place of regular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. **An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Praise**

*“All the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.” Nehemiah 8:3c (NIV)*

1. Ezra in a place of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“…stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion.” Nehemiah 8:4a (NIV)*

1. Surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God

*“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 Meshullam.” Nehemiah 8:4b-c (NIV)*

1. **A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Praise**

*“Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.” Nehemiah 8:5-6 (NIV)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up

*“All the people stood up…”*

We need to get back to God’s teaching, rather than stand for cultural pleasing.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up

*“All the people lifted their hands…”*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up

*“…and responded, ‘Amen! Amen!’”*

*“These are the words of the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Ruler of God’s creation.” Revelation 3:14b (NIV)*

1. Face \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“…worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.”*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all around

*“This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10b (NIV)*

1. A proper posture of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can:
2. us from traps

*“But I prayed, ‘Now strengthen my hands.’” Nehemiah 6:9b (NIV)*

*“But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.” 2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NIV)*

1. fear into our enemy

*“When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.” Nehemiah 6:16 (NIV)*

*“And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” Colossians 2:15 (NIV)*

1. Drive out fear in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“From the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great.” Nehemiah 8:17b (NIV)*

*“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishments. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18*

1. **How about you?**
2. Do you have a “Water Gate” spot?
3. Are you intentional about who surrounds you?
4. What posture of praise do you need to work on the most?

***To begin a relationship with Jesus…***

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**Next Sunday: Plead Sincerely** *(Nehemiah 9:1-37)*

