

## **Nehemiah 8:1-3 (NLT)**

**In October, when the Israelites had settled in their towns, [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. [2] 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. [3] 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.**

## **Nehemiah 8:5-6 (NLT)**

**...[5] 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. [6] Then Ezra praised the Lord, the great God, and all the people chanted, “Amen! Amen!” as they lifted their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.**

## **Nehemiah 8:8 (NLT)**

**...[8] They read from the Book of the Law of God and clearly explained the meaning of what was being read, helping the people understand each passage.**

# **The IMPACT of GOD'S Word**

**Nehemiah 8:1-19**



## **Responded by...** (New American Comm.)

- **lifting their hands in worship**
- **saying Amen**
- **bowing down**

## Colossians 3:16-17 (NIV)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. [17] And **whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

**1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)**

**So whether you eat or drink or**

**whatever you do,**

**do it ALL**

**for the GLORY of God.**

**Worship is the NOURISHMENT of our mind  
on God's Truth.**

**Worship is the STIRRING UP of our  
conscience by God's Holiness.**

**Worship is the CLEANSING of our  
imagination by God's Beauty.**

**Worship should be MY RESPONSE to  
God's Plan for my life.” W. Temple**

## **In their WORSHIP they...**

- **Were Spontaneous**
- **Acknowledged God as Supreme**
- **Were Humble**

**Worship is...**

**...to Focus on God with Reverence, Awe,  
and Wonder**

**...to Admit that HE is GOD and I am NOT**

**...to Seek to do Everything in HIS Name and  
for His Honor**

## John 15:9-11 (NIV)

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. [10] If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. [11] I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

## Three Lessons:

1- **HUNGER** for God's Word.

2- **REVERENCE** for God's Word

3- **RESPONSIVE** to God's Word