



Worship Expressions: Nehemiah 8: 1-12

I. Modern Day Church Service (vss. 1-5)

- a. All the people gathered together as one man
- b. They assembled men and women all who could hear and understand
- c. The ears of the people were attentive

II. Ezra: Modern day Preacher

- a. Ezra brought the Law (Word of God) before the assembly
- b. He read from it from Morning until Midday
- c. He stood on a platform of wood
- d. He was surrounded by the elders
- e. He stood above the people- vs. 5
- f. Then Ezra opened the Book and blessed the Lord!

III. The Congregations Corporate Response to the Law God' Will (vss. 6-12)

- a. All the people stood up
- b. All the people answered Ezra: Verbal response: Amen, Amen
- c. They lifted their hands
- d. They bowed their heads
- e. Worshiped the Lord- blessing God
- f. They put their faces to the ground
- g. Made Mirth: Celebrated

Mirth: simchah- blithesomeness or glee, exceeding gladness, joy pleasure, rejoicing.

Worship Expressions Continued: Nehemiah 8: 1-12

These are the 7 Biblical Expressions of Corporate Worship

1. Standing
2. Verbal Response
3. Lifted Hands
4. Bowed Heads
5. Worshiping the Lord: Blessing God
6. Prostration
7. Celebration

Our services mirror the priestly function of Ezra. Where we are lacking is in our response to God. We are lacking in our ability to express our worship to God. Worship expression is imperative for the full blessing of God. **He is worthy of ALL our praise.**

When we withhold our *praise*, he can not endow us with His *power*. If we want God's power, the Spirit of the Lord that will fall upon the earth in the Latter Rain, we need to give God our *Total Praise* so that He will fill us with his *Transforming Power*! This is Discipleship. Possessing the power of God in worship, that transformed the disciples and the ancient known world could also transform our world today.