



Minor Prophets

Lesson 18

Nehemiah 8- 10 The Return

Under the leadership of Nehemiah, the walls of the city of Jerusalem have been repaired, the enemies of the Jews have been resisted, and the genealogical record has been updated. Unfortunately, the city still lacks inhabitants and the reestablishment of the rule of Yahweh in the personal and corporate lives of the people hasn't been dealt with fully. After more than 70 years of being influenced by a foreign nation in all aspects of culture and religion, and the Law of Moses and the religious life of God's people diminished, to bring Yahweh back into their lives is going to take some time and intentional restatement of the Law before the people.

Nehemiah has done what God has called him to do in rebuilding the city, but now the responsibility to restore the religious life of the people will fall to Ezra who was both a scribe and a priest. Not only would it take a diligent effort on Ezra's part to teach, but it would also require the people to commit to the discipline of listening to and living out God's Word. That process would necessitate a radical change in lifestyle and much confession and repentance as they learned what was mandatory for them as God's covenant people.

READ NEHEMIAH 8

1. *What is the critical first step Ezra took in the process of reinstating correct worship and living for the people? Nehemiah 8:1-4*

2. *From 8:5-6, what took place before the actual teaching?*

7. *After all the time reading and explaining the Law, the priests now do a review of history of God dealing with them as His people that they have reintroduced into the lives of the people. From each separate sections given below from chapter 9:5-37 give your word or sentence description of that portion of their history.*

<i>Verses</i>	<i>Description of event</i>
<i>Nehemiah 9:5-6</i>	
<i>Nehemiah 9:7-8</i>	
<i>Nehemiah 9:9-12</i>	
<i>Nehemiah 9:13-15</i>	
<i>Nehemiah 9:16-21</i>	
<i>Nehemiah 9:22-25</i>	
<i>Nehemiah 9:26-29</i>	
<i>Nehemiah 9:30-37</i>	

8. *What does 9:38 say they are doing in response to their repentance?*

READ CHAPTER 10

9. *What are some of the things they specifically agree to do in this agreement? 10:29-39*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
