

“Building On The Word”

Nehemiah 8:1-8

I. There is a Hunger for the Word

A. They delighted in the Word (8:1)

B. They discerned the Word (8:1)

1. Plenary inspiration (II Timothy 3:16)

2. Verbal inspiration (Matthew 5:18)

3. Complete doctrinal accuracy (II Timothy 4:2-4)

4. The exposing of error (II Timothy 3:16)

5. The restoring of the believer (II Timothy 3:16)

6. The training of the believer (II Timothy 3:16)

7. The equipping of the believer (II Timothy 3:16)

II. There is the Hearing of the Word of God

A. It was not a casual hearing of the God (8:2)

B. It was a concentrated hearing of the Word (8:2-4)

III. There is Honor Given to the Word of God

A. They were honoring the Word of God (8:5)

B. They were honoring the Worship of God (8:6)

IV. There is Correct Handling of the Word of God

A. They heard the Word in small groups (8:7)

B. They heard the Word in plain language (8:8)

C. They heard the Word explained (8:8)

Questions

1. Explain the hunger the Jews had for the Word.
2. Why is hearing the Word so important?
3. What kind of hearing does God want us to exercise in relationship to His Word?
4. What is the correct way to handle the Word?
5. What does the Word of God mean to you personally?

8:1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw *it* to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

8 Then the second angel sounded: And *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood