

HOW TO BE RESTORED SPIRITUALLY: Part 3
THE WORD AT WORK IN THE PREPARED HEART PRODUCES OBEDIENCE
Nehemiah 8:13-18

- I. *Review:* **START WITH A DESIRE TO BE TAUGHT THE WORD** OF GOD and **GATHER TOGETHER** to hear His Word from His teachers: The people gathered together and asked for Ezra to bring the Scriptures and he brings the Word before the assembly (1-2)

- II. *Review:* **SEEK THE LORD'S TEACHERS TO MAKE KNOWN HIS WORD TO YOU, LISTEN ATTENTIVELY AND LET HIS WORD CONVICT YOU:** The people listened intently with reverent hearts to Ezra and the Levites who explained the Word and they understood, were convicted and greatly rejoiced (3-12)

- III. **SET YOUR HEART TO OBEY WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED/UNDERSTOOD (been convicted of) and KEEP LEARNING AND OBEYING:** The family and religious leaders sought to gain further insight from the Word, they found it and led the people in obeying the Word (13-18)
 - A. **Follow up in the Word seeking to obey what you find in the Word (13-15)**
 1. The family and religious leaders sought and gathered to be taught by Ezra so that they would gain further insight into the Word (13)

 2. They found in the Word that they should live in booths during the feast (14-15)

 - B. **Obey the Word you have understood and rejoice:** The leaders proclaimed what they were to do, and the entire assembly obeyed, making, and living in booths, all the while rejoicing (15-17)

 - C. **Keep on reading the Word as you obey:** Ezra read from the Word daily and they obeyed (18)