

Three Meetings (Exile & Return 34)

March 12, 2017

Nehemiah 8:1-18; 9:1-6, 32-38; 12:27-43

I. The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength (8:1-18)

- A. The first solemn assembly (see Ezra 7:1)
- B. Men, women, and (some) children
- C. The Law, the Gospel, and joy (see James 2:10; Exodus 20:1; Philippians 3:1; 4:2, 4 NASB; John 1:14).
- D. How to keep a day holy (see Leviticus 23:23-25; Numbers 29:1-6; Isaiah 25:6)
- E. The next class and its conclusion (see Psalm 126:4-6)

II. Slaves in the Land (9:1-6, 32-38)

- A. The second solemn assembly (see Exodus 20:4; Psalm 37:11, 22, 29; 1 Corinthians 6:3)
- B. The second covenant
- C. Tithing people (see Nehemiah 7:4)

III. A Better Word (12:27-43)

- A. The dedication of the walls
- B. Better than the choirs of Moses (see Deuteronomy 11:26-28; Joshua 8:30-35)
- C. Some assembly required (see 1 Timothy 4:2; 1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- D. Better than the blood of Abel (see Genesis 4:10; Hebrews 12:22-24).