

**“GETTING BACK TOGETHER”**

**NEHEMIAH 8**

**I. A GREAT TIMEOUT**

**A. The promises of God, the Covenant Keeper**

1. Blessings for obedience to the covenant -  
fruitfulness in the blessed land
2. Judgments for disobedience - removal from the  
land; to rethink the commitment to God;  
punitive for some; instructional for some; a  
resented annoyance for many
3. Restoration for repentance - return to the land  
and the blessings of His presence

**B. The promises of the Exile and return Jer 25; 29**

**C. The return in part - not everyone came home**

1. They had new homes; a new life
2. Home is where the heart is
3. Not well enough; too old; too young; lacking
4. Home was not a good place to be: trouble, ruin,  
rubble; too much work

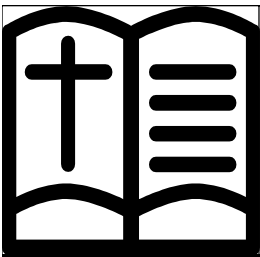
**D. Fresh motivation from God, fresh action, home  
repair, creating stability, restoring order**

**II. A GREAT GET TOGETHER**

**A. The call of God for an assembly**

**B. Coming together as “one man”: the importance of  
proper unity around the center of faith in God, His  
Christ, His Word**

**C. The leadership was committed to the Word of God  
and an active faith in God; to restoration**



- D. Presentation of the Word of God - the central uniting element - Blessing God*
- 1. God's covenant with His wife - marriage vows*
  - 2. “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness”*
  - 3. “For the word of God is living and powerful,...  
...piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,... a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*
  - 4. Reading and giving the meaning and sense*
    - a. Faith of the reader; faith of the hearer*
    - b. Cooperation of the Spirit of God and the rational thinking of the people*
    - c. Understanding of the teacher; the willing learning of the hearer*
    - d. Explaining it in the correct language*
  - 5. Listening*
    - a. Their ears were “to the Book of the Law”*
    - b. To understand not to argue, to reply, to deny, to judge; conviction of wrongdoing had brought them broken humility*
  - 6. Responding*
    - a. Agreement - “Amen”*
    - b. Complete submission to it and its author*
    - c. Worship - indication of worth and humility before Him shown in body, soul and spirit*
    - d. Weeping*
- E. Comfort - celebrate, share; the joy of the LORD is our strength; it's a holy day*