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Nehemiah 5 : 1 – 13

The complaint of the people

We have no food

We have borrowed until we have nothing

We have no way to repay

Our own brethren are charging us to death!

Nehemiah's speech

Why are you charging interest to your brethren

Did we not pay a hefty price for your brethren?

Are you not asking them to now pay more, sell themselves back?

Freely give, and no more interest

The assembly said, "Amen!", but why?

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‘Amen’ – What does it mean?

‘amen’ (h) – sure; adverbially truly; so be it

‘amen’ (g) – properly firm;

at the beginning of a discourse – surely, of a truth

at the end of a discourse – so it is, so be it, may it be fulfilled

used to express solemn ratification (as of an expression of faith) or hearty approval (as of an assertion)

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‘Amen’ – When and Why is it used?

‘amen’ (g) - It was a custom, which passed over from the synagogues to the Christian assemblies, that when he who had read, discoursed, or had offered up a solemn prayer to God, the others responded with Amen, and thus made the substance of what was uttered their own. *Thayer*

In English, it is used at the beginning, but more generally at the end of declarations and prayers, in the sense of, be it firm, be it established.

Why did the assembly say, “Amen?”

They agreed to do what they had promised to do, “may it be fulfilled!”

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Defending our Faith

“Faith is reasonable”

Hebrews 11 : 1

Faith is about substance

‘hupostasis’ - a setting under (support), that is,
(figuratively) concretely essence, or abstractly
assurance

Faith is about evidence

‘elegchos’ - proof, conviction

Built on Evidence and comes from the
weight of the Evidence

John 20 : 30 – 31

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“There is a God”

Hebrews 11 : 6

He rewards those that diligently seek Him

‘ekzeteo’ - to search out, that is, (figuratively)
investigate, crave, demand

How do we seek God?

His Son – If Jesus is God; then God is

John 1 : 1, 14, 18

If the Bible is true; then God is

II Peter 1 : 18 – 21

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Defending our Faith

“The Bible is the Word of God”

Psalm 119 : 160

God's word is truth

‘emeth’ (h) - stability; figuratively certainty

God's word endures forever

‘olam’ (h) - long duration, antiquity, futurity, for ever,
ever, everlasting, evermore

Truth comes from evidence

Luke 1 : 1 – 4

Forever comes from the beginning with no end

Jeremiah 28 : 9

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“Christianity is the only way”

John 14 : 6

Jesus is the way

‘hodos’ – a road, figuratively a mode or means;
metaphorically a course of conduct

Jesus built His church

Matthew 16 : 18

“...No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

“...no other name...which we must be
saved.” Acts 4 : 12

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Defending our Faith

Many intellectual people do not believe due to a lack of evidence – It's actually a lack of honesty and integrity

"Amen!"

Not willing to follow God is the same as denying His existence.

"Amen!"

Consider the Person, the process, and the product of the Bible. The Bible has perfect unity and perfect harmony.

"Amen!"

Man-made religions are in rebellion to God.

"Amen!"