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Nehemiah 8 : 1 – 8

The people came to hear

They gathered together

They were assembled, in close proximity “all who could hear”

Men and women – those with understanding

They are attentive

Ezra planned to speak

He stands on a platform – which they made for this very purpose

He stood above the people – so all could see and hear

He read distinctively – clearly so that all could comprehend

He helped in understanding – so that all could understand

6 – 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 was done, and what was said, “so be it!”

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The Just Shall Live by Faith

“The Fear of the Lord” (Proverbs 31)

The Fear of the Lord is ACTION

11 – Trustworthiness – someone who is trusted to do no harm, causes no harm to those who trust in them.

13 – Hard Working – the job of a Christian is never done. There is a lot of work that goes into our work.

16 – Perceiving – to look before you leap. We need to consider our ways, before we do them.

20 – Generous – to extend our hand to the needy. Those who need most are those who do not have God.

21 – Preparing – we need to be prepared for things to come, and prepare those around us.

27 – Watching – a watchman is a protector, there is no idleness.

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“Daniel as a young...as an older man”

Daniel – God is my judge

Daniel 1 : 8 – he purposes, he requested

10 – 13 – he is persistent

14 – he acts; what good is purposing and persistency if you are unwilling to act?

21 – he continued

Daniel 6 : 3 – 4 – he is trustworthy and blameless

7, 10 – Daniel is envied. This is the way it should be.

11, 14, 16 – his faith is known, he has not hidden it

16, 22, 23b – he is not afraid, but believes in his God

28 – he prospers

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“A Look at Peter”

Peter a man of great faith and great fall.

Mark 14 : 27 – 31 – Pride

I Corinthians 9 : 12; Romans 3 : 23

I John 1 : 8

Mark 14 : 53 – 54 – Shame – Christ is “unpopular”

Revelation 21 : 8

Mark 14 : 66 – 72 – Denial – comforts of the world will cause us to do things we otherwise would not

Matthew 10 : 32

Mark 14 : 72 – Repentant – he wept

II Corinthians 7 : 10

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“Our Three Roles as Christians”

What are we called to be?

Soldier

As a soldier we need armor

Romans 13 : 12 – 14; II Corinthians 6 : 7;

Ephesians 6 : 10ff

Servant

We are followers of Christ – not leaders, not stand
besiders

I Corinthians 15 : 58; Joshua 24 : 14 – 15

Herold

We are to proclaim the good news

Matthew 28 : 19; Acts 5 : 42; 28 : 31

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“Let Us Examine Ourselves”

If we do not examine, then we lie about where we are.

Are you in the faith?

Hebrews 2 : 1; 3 : 12 – 14

Are you disqualified?

Galatians 5 : 4; II Peter 3 : 17

Do you know yourself?

James 1 : 22, 26; I Corinthians 4 : 4

Are you bearing fruit?

John 15 : 1, 6; Galatians 5 : 22 – 23

Have you put on Christ?

John 14 : 21; 8 : 31; 13 : 34