



# ANOINTED WORD

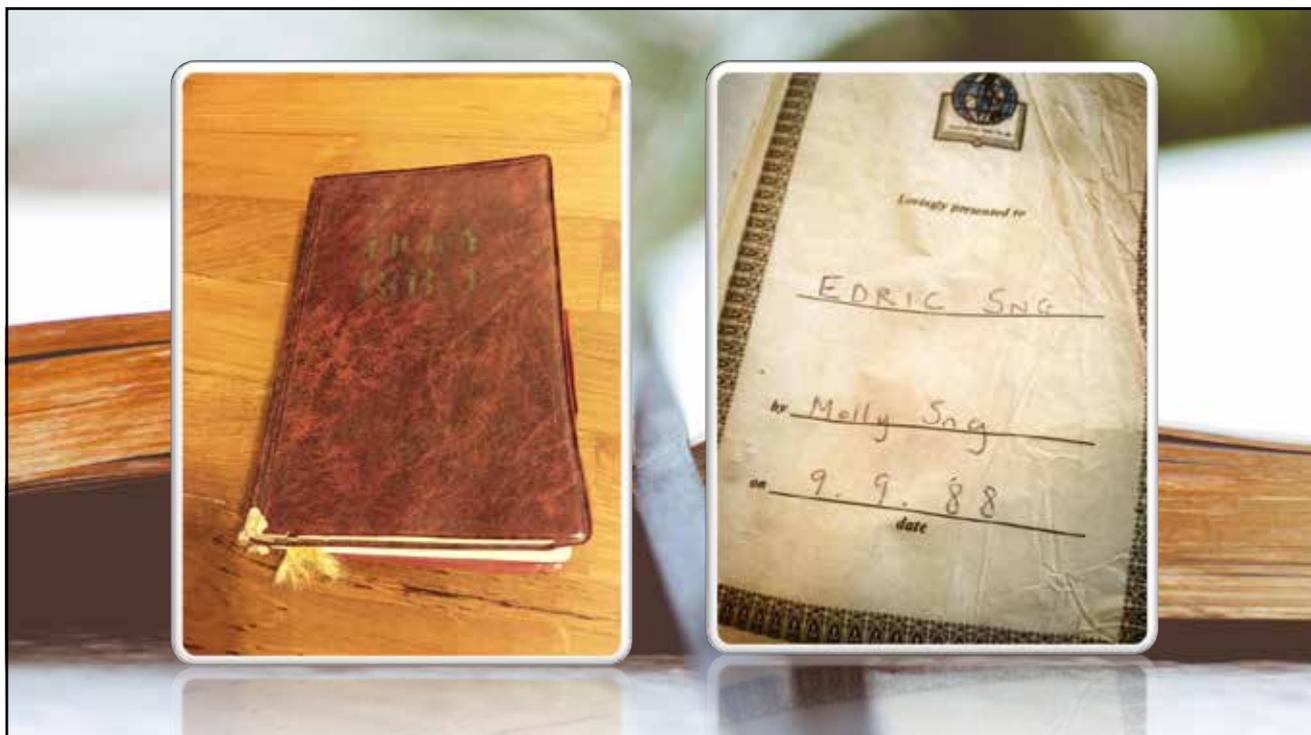
*The 7 Anointed Pillars*

JOHN 1:1

*In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*







# NEHEMIAH 8

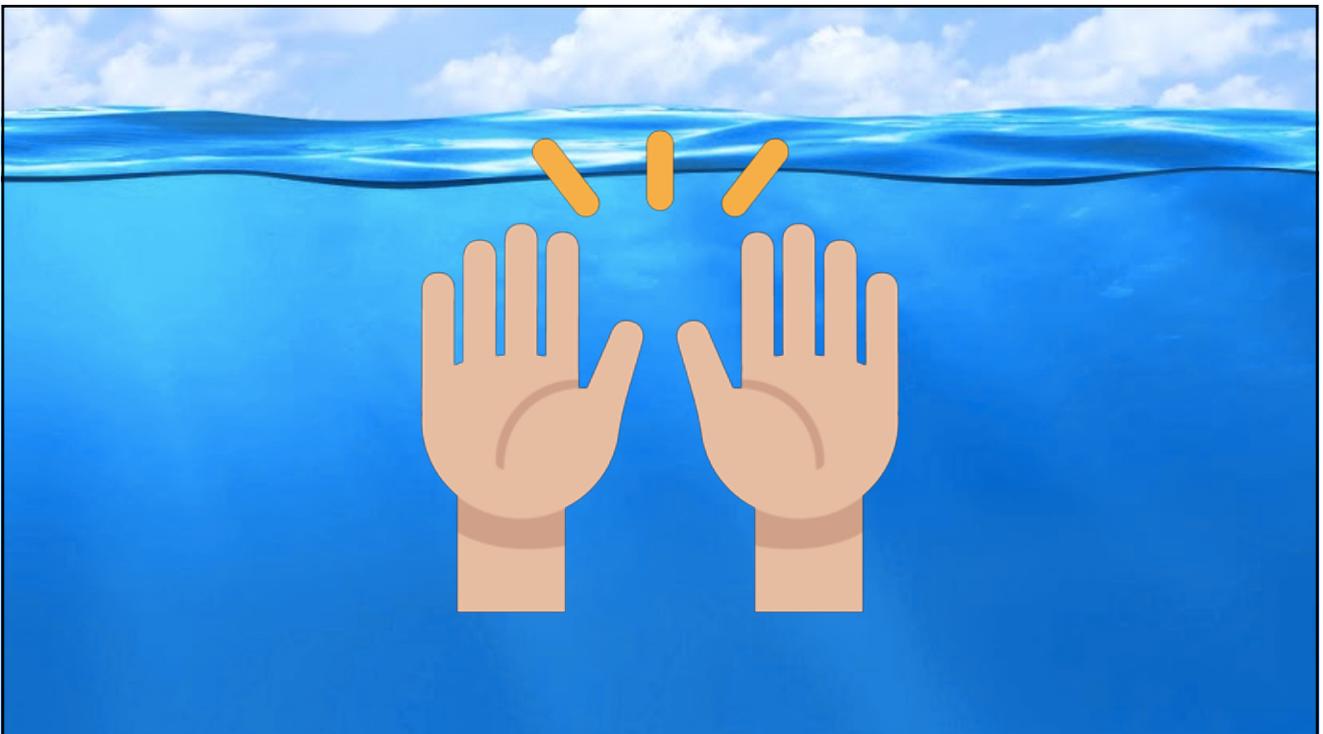
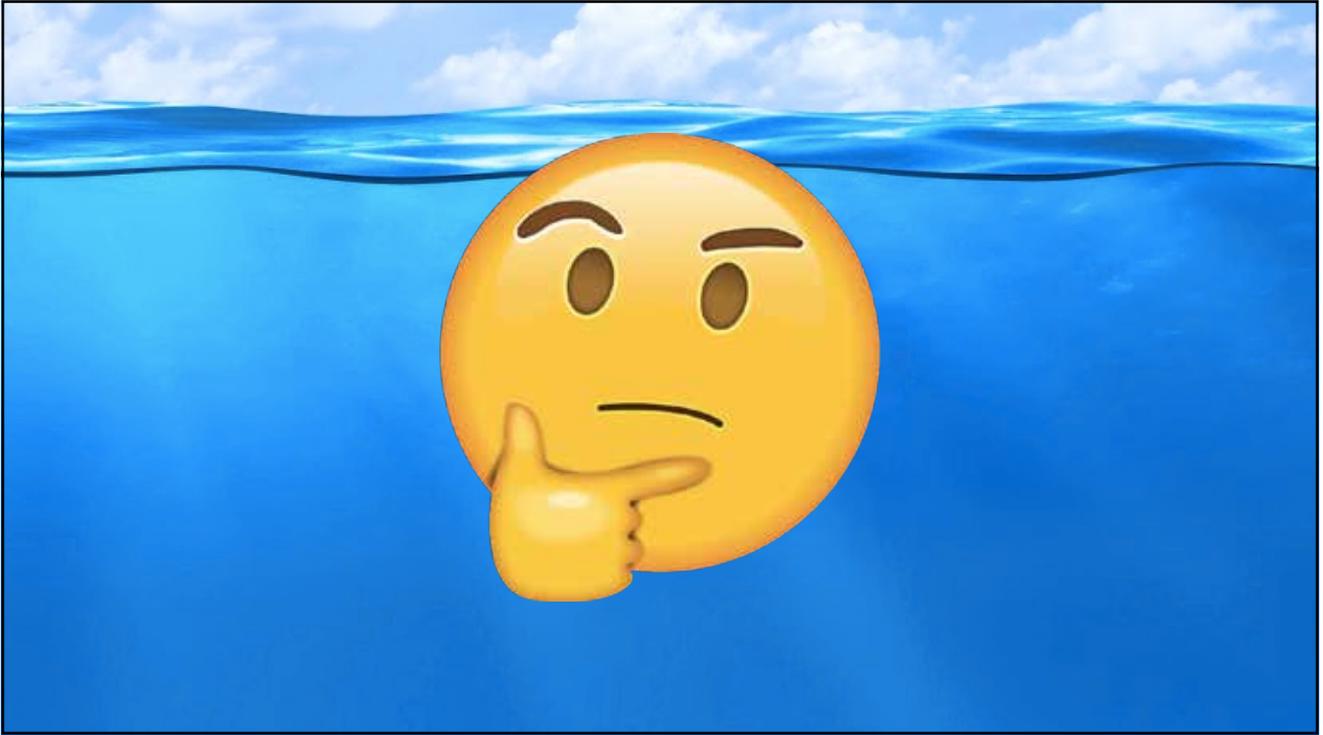
*How should we read the Word of God?*

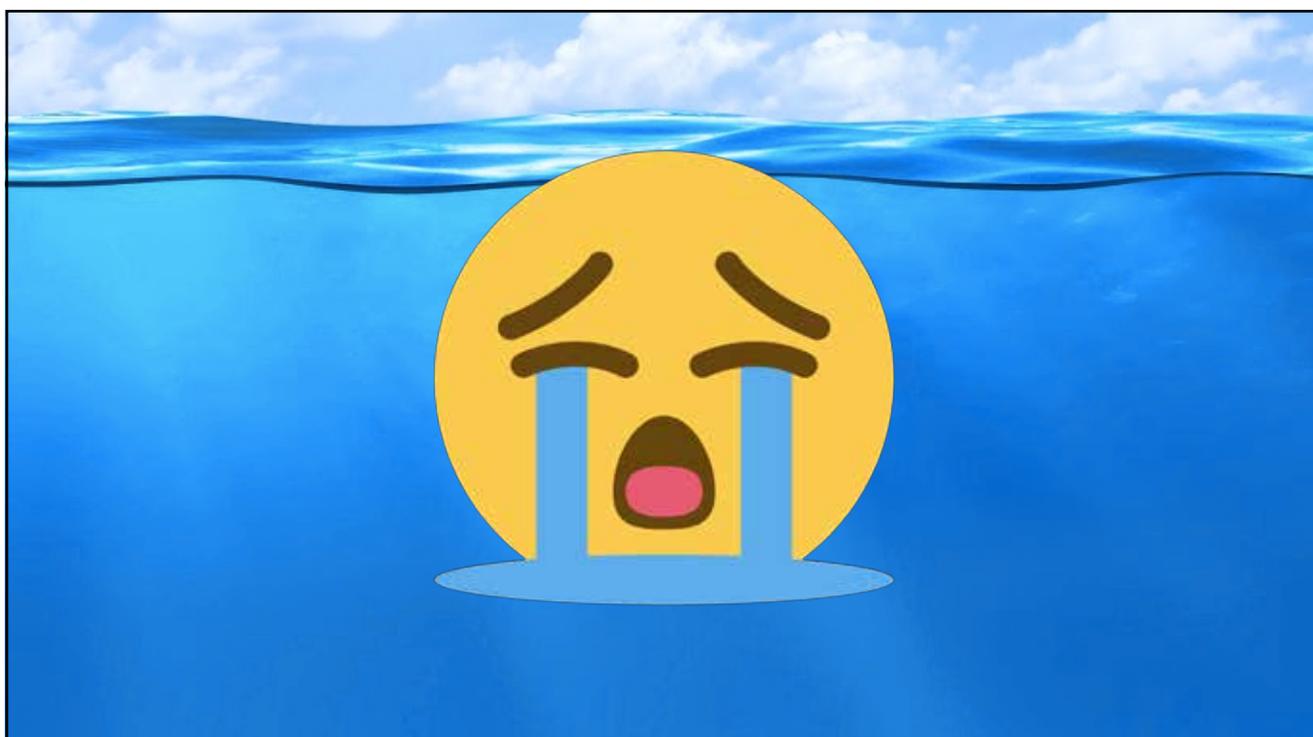
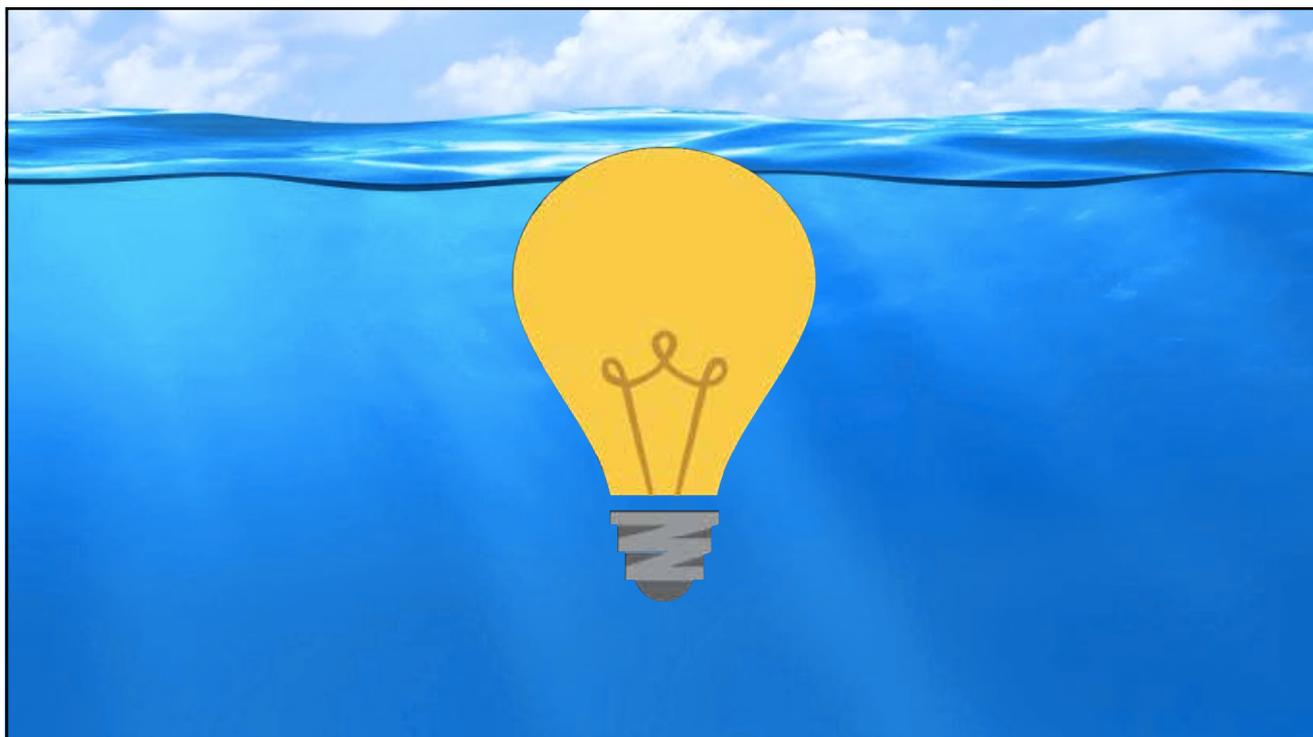
### NEHEMIAH 8:1-12

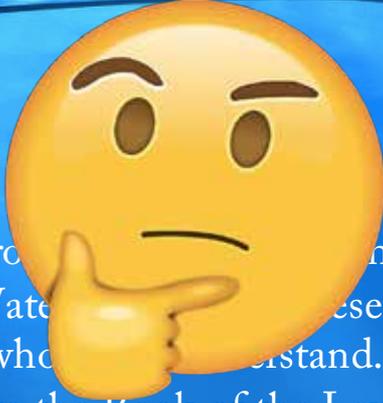
**1** All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel.

**2** So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand.









**NEHEMIAH 8:1-12**

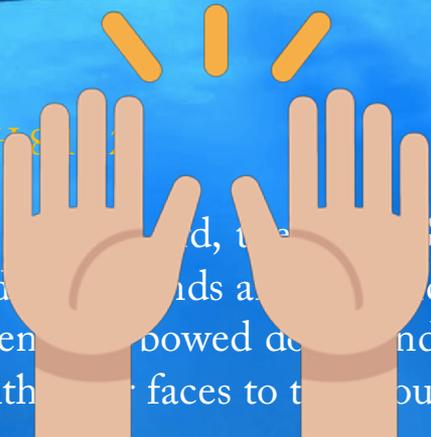
3 He read it aloud from the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.



**NEHEMIAH 8:1-12**

4 Ezra the teacher of the Law stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maasiah. On his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashabneiah, Shebbariah and Meshullam.

5 Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up.



**NEHEMIAH 8:6**

6 Ezra praised the Lord, the God of Israel; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.



**NEHEMIAH 8:1-12**

7 The Levites — Jeshua, Bani, Shabbethai, Aminai, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azarah, Bebai, Adonijah, Hanan and Pelaiah — instructed the people in the Law of Moses as the people were standing there.

8 They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.



**NEHEMIAH 8:1-17**

**9** Then Nehemiah the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites instructing the people said to them all, “The Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep. You have had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.



**NEHEMIAH 8:18-22**

**10** Nehemiah said to them, “I have not prepared. This is a holy day to our God. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”



NEHEMIAH 8:11

11 The Levites said to the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve."



NEHEMIAH 8:1-12

12 Then all the people went to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.



*How should we read the Word of God?*

NEHEMIAH 8:1

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**WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**



*How should we read the Word of God?*

I need  a coffee

...or I don't feel alive.

...or I can't function.

...NOW.

**WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**



*How should we read the Word of God?*

I need the Word of God  
...or I don't feel alive.  
...or I can't function.  
...NOW.

**WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**



*How should we read the Word of God?*

MATTHEW 7:7-8

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

**WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**



*How should we read the Word of God?*

PROVERBS 8:17

I love those who love me;  
And those who diligently seek me will find me.

**WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**



*How should we read the Word of God?*

DEUT 4:29-31

You will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.

**WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**



*How should we read the Word of God?*

PROV 4:7-8

Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Cherish her, and she will exalt you; Embrace her, and she will honour you.

**WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**



*How should we read the Word of God?*

PSALMS 14:2

The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

**WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**

NEHEMIAH 8:3a

He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand.



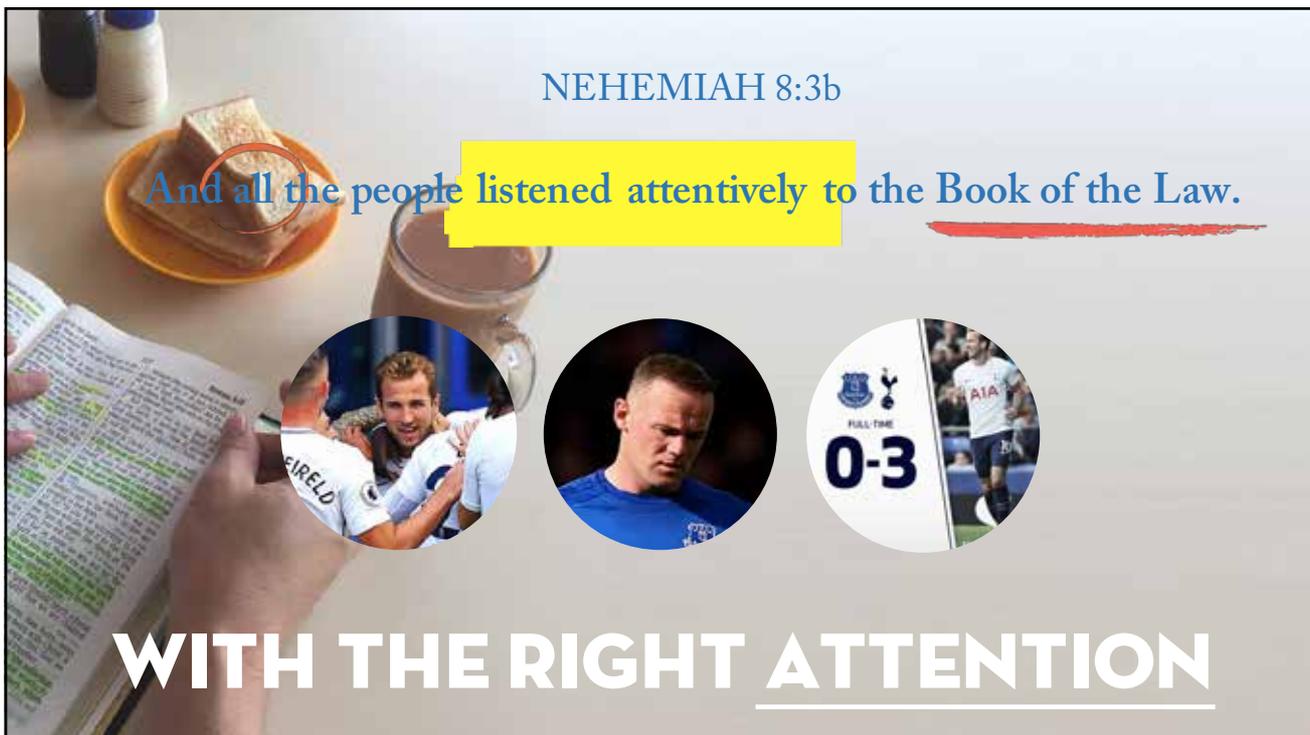
**WITH THE RIGHT ARRANGEMENT**



**WITH THE RIGHT ARRANGEMENT**

NEHEMIAH 8:3b

And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.



WITH THE RIGHT ATTENTION



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NEHEMIAH 8:7-8

The Levites instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

**WITH THE RIGHT ASSISTANCE**

1. CONTEXT                    **INFORMATION**  
 2. CONNECTION + **REVELATION**  
 3. CONVICTION + **APPLICATION**  
 = **TRANSFORMATION**

**WITH THE RIGHT ASSISTANCE**

NEHEMIAH 8:9

Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep.”

For the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

**WITH THE RIGHT AWE**



JEREMIAH 50:4

“In those days and at that time,” declares the LORD, “the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be the LORD their God they will seek.”

**WITH THE RIGHT AWE**



NEHEMIAH 8:5-6

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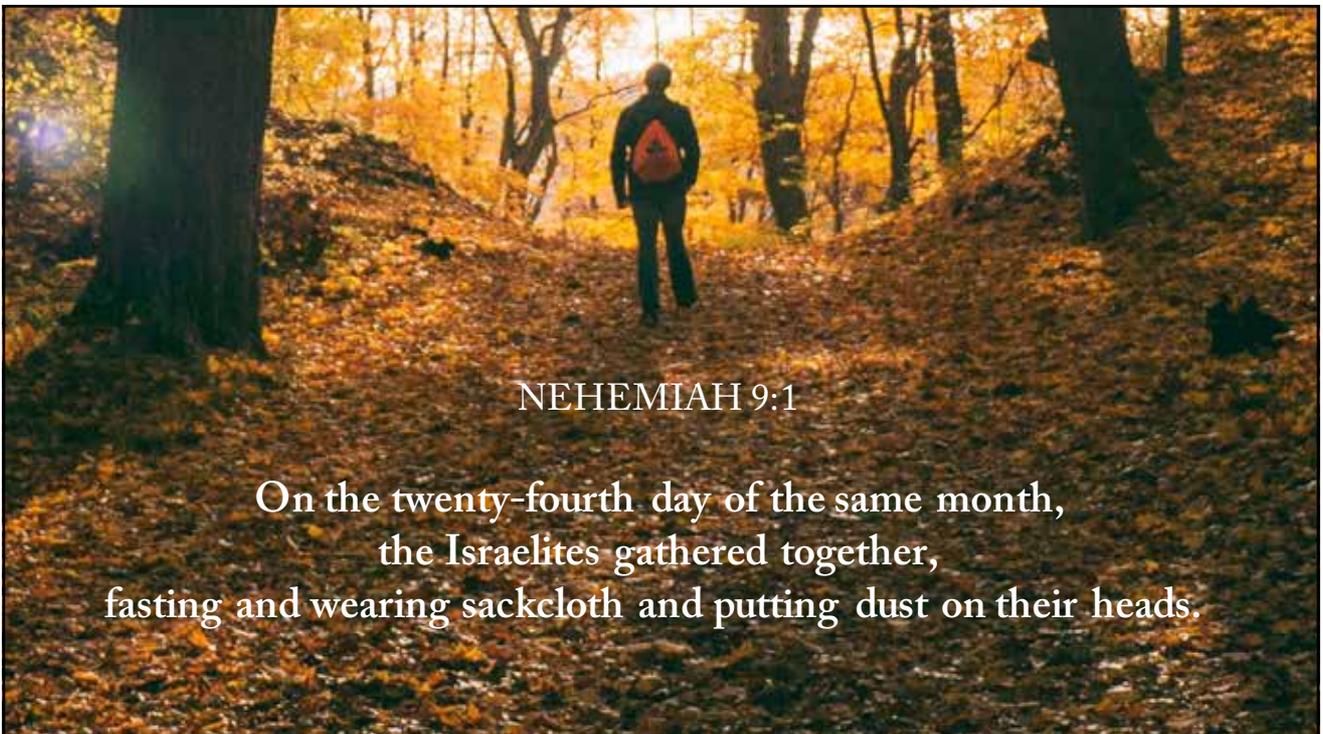
**WITH THE RIGHT AWE**



*Read the Bible with the right ...*

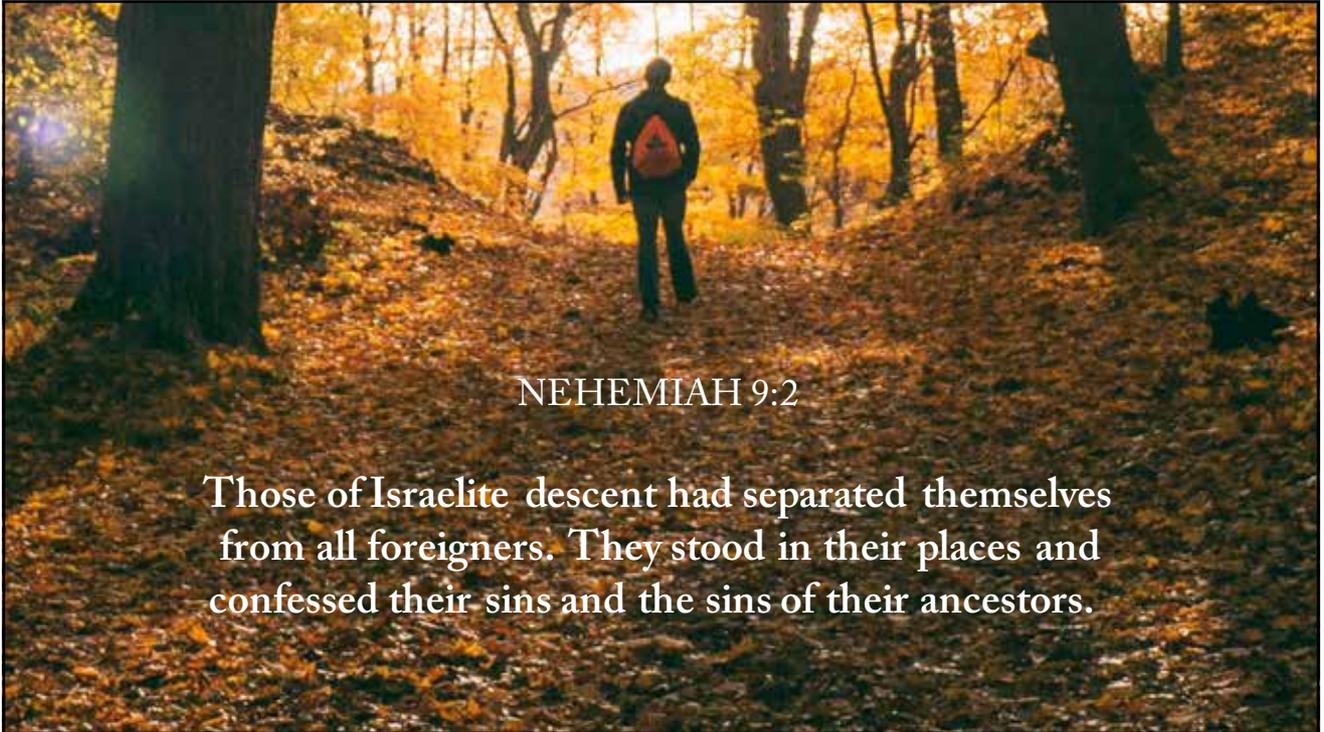
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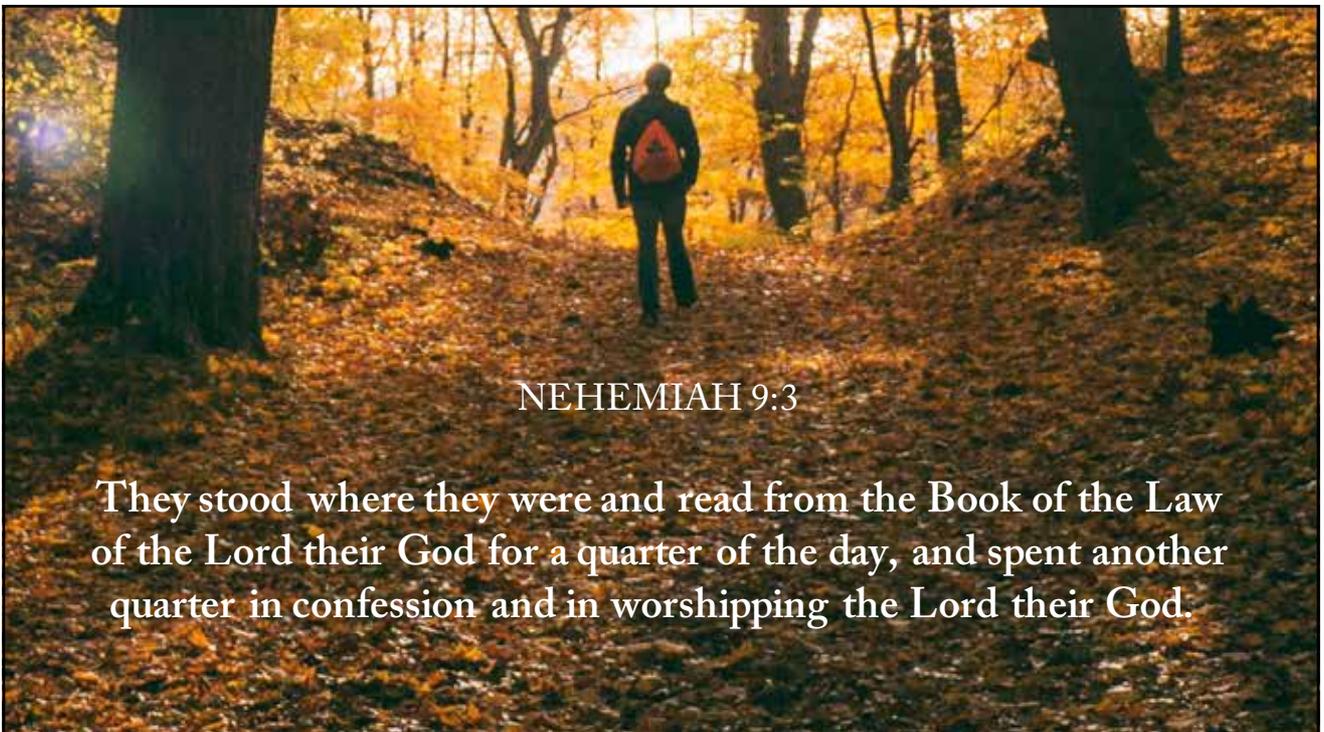
NEHEMIAH 9:1

On the twenty-fourth day of the same month,  
the Israelites gathered together,  
fasting and wearing sackcloth and putting dust on their heads.



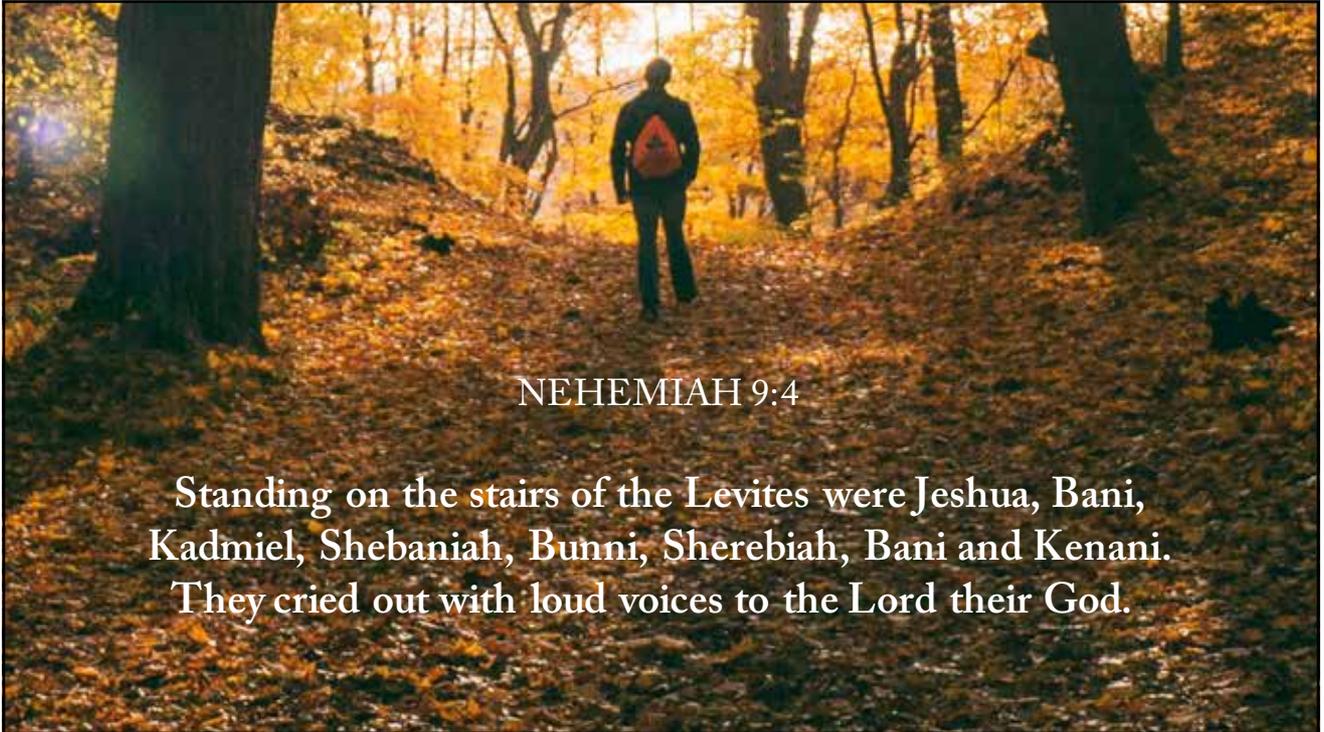
NEHEMIAH 9:2

Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors.



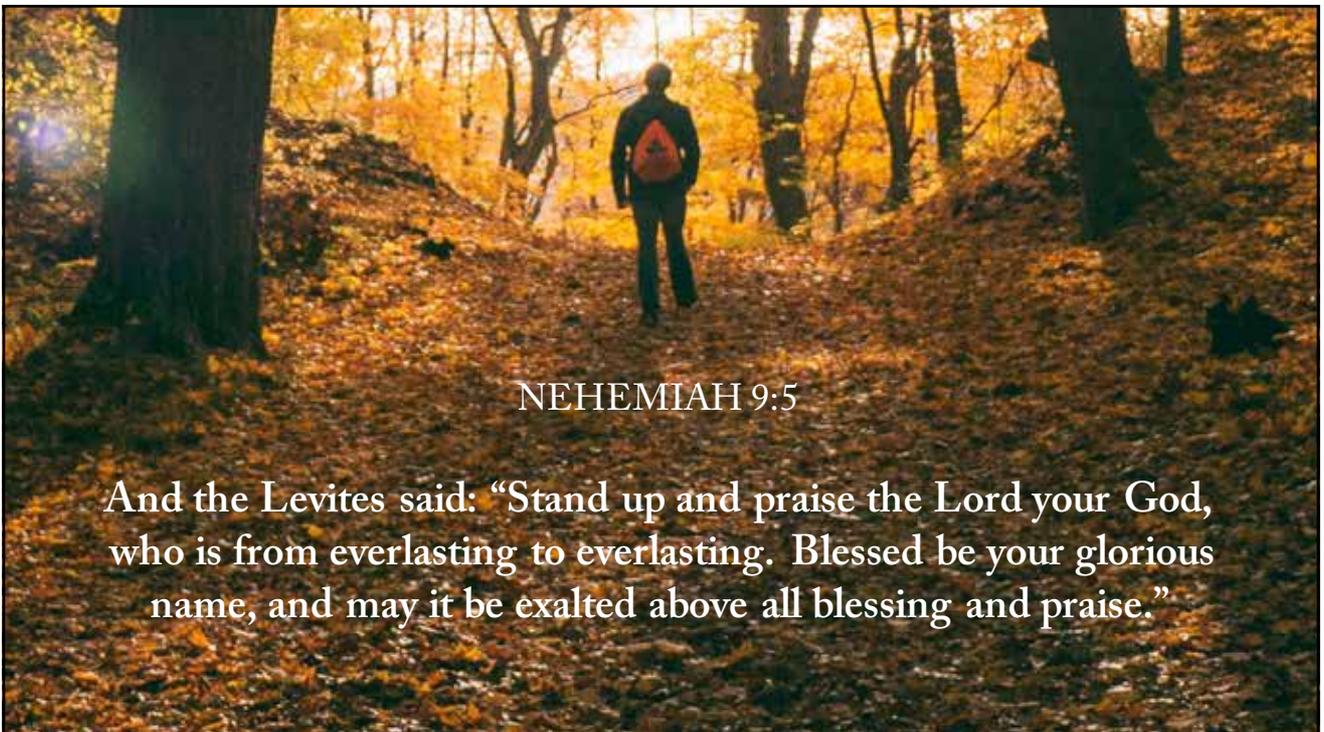
NEHEMIAH 9:3

They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshipping the Lord their God.



NEHEMIAH 9:4

Standing on the stairs of the Levites were Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani and Kenani. They cried out with loud voices to the Lord their God.



NEHEMIAH 9:5

And the Levites said: “Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise.”



NEHEMIAH 9:5

“You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. You are the LORD God.”



JOHN 1:1

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and the Word was with God,  
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