

THE LAW OF THE LORD  
Nehemiah 8, Lesson #9  
TOUGH TEACHING  
GREAT FEASTING

ARE WE TALKING ABOUT  
The 10 Commandments?



The 613 Daily Laws?

or pretty much the  
whole Old Testament?





**613 DAILY LAWS – exact for life and law – for all**

**LAW**

Hebrew Word: Torah In the Hebrew, towrah means a special law or codes of law, directions, instruction, custom or manner, and even the Deuteronomy or **Mosaic law**.

**COMMANDMENT**

Hebrew word: Mitsvah a **commandment of God**, or a commandment out of a code of wisdom.

**JUDGMENT**

Hebrew Word: Mishpat is the Hebrew word meaning the process of deciding, a **decision in law**, justice, ordinance, the legal right or privilege due.

**STATUTE**

Hebrew Word: Choq is a statute (a condition or **civil enactment** from God), an ordinance (enactment or decree), a limit, or something prescribed (a task, portion, limit/boundary).

**ORDINANCE**

Hebrew Word: Choq or Chuqqah These are **local rules** and local observations.

**1. WORSHIPPING GOD**

**A. God**

Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices  
Moedim / Religious Day Observances  
Prophets, Signs and Symbols, Study

**B. God and Us**

Blessings, Oaths, Swearing, Vows, Nazarite Vows  
Priests and Congregation Responsibilities

**C. The Priesthood and the Temple**

Age and Who is to Serve, Appearance  
Marriage Prohibitions, Sacrifices and Offerings and the Firstborn  
Temple, Sanctuary, and Sacred Objects  
Tithes and Taxes, Uncleaness

**2. HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS**

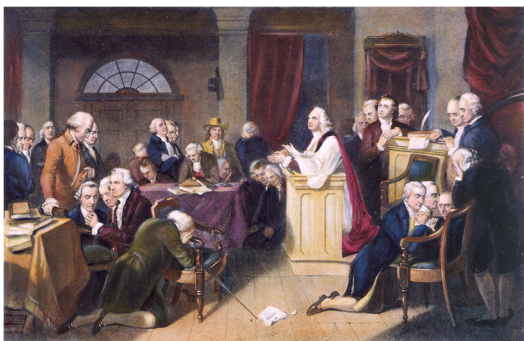
Family, Marriage, and Divorce, Love in General  
Neighbors, Orphans, Poor and Unfortunate  
Sexual Relationships Forbidden  
Strangers (or Gentiles)

**3. GENERAL LAWS**

Agriculture, Agriculture and the Poor and Unfortunate  
Animal Husbandry, Business Practices  
Clothing and Fashion, Criminal Actions  
Health, Inheritance,  
Labor Rules: Employers, Employees, & Servants  
Kings and Rulers, Penalties, Punishment and Restitution,  
Property, Property Rights and Responsibilities  
Redeeming, Tithes, Warfare, Weights and Measures

**4. COURT SYSTEM—THE JUDICIAL PROCESS.**

**The United States Constitution, The Bill of Rights & the 3 branches established on the Biblical Mosaic Law. This is the Law of Liberty**



1<sup>st</sup> Continental Congress was a Prayer Meeting

Grab your money, check the back of any \$\$\$

**“IN GOD WE TRUST”**

**There was a good reason for Israel to be a nation under judicial administration of Moses’ Law & there’s a very good reason why we REALLY need to continue with our written Constitution.**

Lesson #9 TOUGH TEACHING GREAT FEASTING - ONE MAJOR REMODEL - Book of Nehemiah – Chaplain Aaron (pg3)  
**Nehemiah Chapter 8**

**Ezra Reads the Law** (Exodus Ch. 20; Deuteronomy Ch. 5)  
**1** And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that *was*

before **the water gate**; and they spake unto **Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses**, which the LORD had commanded to

Israel. **2** And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and **all that could hear with understanding**, upon the first day of the seventh month. **3** And he read therein before the street that *was* before the water gate **from the morning until midday**, before the men and the women, **and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.** **4** And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam. **5** And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) **and when he opened it, all the people stood up:** **6** And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. **And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.** **7** Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, **caused the people to understand the law:** and the people *stood* in their place. **8** **So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.**

**9** And Nehemiah, which *is* the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day *is* holy unto the LORD your God; **mourn not, nor weep. For all the people**

**wept, when they heard the words of the law.** **10** Then he said unto them, **Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is**

**prepared:** for *this* day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; **for the joy of the LORD is your strength.** **11** So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day *is* holy; neither be ye grieved. **12** And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, **because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.**

**The Feast of Booths** (Leviticus 23:33-44)

**13** And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. **14** And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of **Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:** **15** And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written. **16** So the people went forth, and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim. **17** And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. **And there was very great gladness.**

**18** Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *was* a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

UNITY BEGINS WITH ME

I must ask for forgiveness

I must forgive

I have been given

I can now give

I should talk with God - daily

A lifestyle of forgiveness is a lifestyle of the forgiven

I should not be so angry so quick. I should just let it go

## Nehemiah Chapter 8 The Nation Is Unified

You cannot and will not unite through special interest groups and factions. You will only meet your personal interest and then force your goals on others. This is always ends in anarchy.

*“we’ll once more become one nation under God, indivisible, a nation united, a nation strengthened, a nation healed”*

Presidential candidate Joe Biden Oct. 29, 2020

### 1. Unified Through Common Struggle – v. 1

1 And **all the people** gathered themselves **together as one man** into the street that *was* before **the water gate**; and they spake unto **Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses**, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

*“You will either be ruled by religion or tyranny” Benjamin Franklin*

### 2. Unified Through Understanding – v. 2-6

Public explanation of God’s Word in a must

2 And **Ezra the priest** brought the law before the congregation

Take the time to understand

3 the street that *was* before the water gate **from the morning until midday**,

**The unified nation agreed**

6 **And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, ...and worshipped the LORD**

*“follow me as I follow Christ” Apostle Paul*

### 3. Unified Through Leadership – v. 4

**Ezra – High Priest – v. 4**

**City Leaders – v. 4, 7**

**Family Leaders – v. 13**

...gathered together the **chief of the fathers of all the people**, the priests, and the Levites, unto **Ezra the scribe**, even to understand the words of the law.

*“Lincoln’s Call to National Repentance”*

*“to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”*

### 4. Unified Through Conviction – v. 9-11

**They Heard; They understood; They wept – v. 9**

**They were encouraged – v. 10**

*true reconciliation requires true repentance*

### 5. Unified Through Holy Celebrations – v. 12

**THEY UNDERSTOOD!**

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, **because they had understood the words that were declared unto them. And there was very great gladness.**

### 1 Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray without ceasing.”

Matthew 6: 14 “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you”

Romans 12: 21 “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”

# UNITY THROUGH COMMUNITY GOOD



WHAT BUILDS THE NEIGHBOR, BUILDS ME  
*This is the good Samaritan at his home*

A "Good Samaritan" concept is not just a friend helping a friend; but **enemies coming to the aid of enemies**. Must I be exact or do you get the idea?



**WINNING THROUGH GIVING WILL DEFEAT ANARCHY**  
**IDEAS ON HOW TO GIVE:**

