

¹And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month.

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³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁴And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose...

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⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

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⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

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¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

—Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-10 ESV

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Takeaway for Today: God must do a work in us in order to do a work through us.

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Response: God works in us through His Word and through His Spirit.

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How Do You Build a Word-Driven Life?

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¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. —2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

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Welcome the Hearing of God's Word

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**The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
—Psalm 119:130 ESV**

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Observe the Depth of God's Wisdom

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They read from the book... clearly, and they gave the sense... —Nehemiah 8:8 ESV

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“To get the full flavor of an herb, it must be pressed between the fingers, so it is the same with the Scriptures; the more familiar they become, the more they reveal their hidden treasures and yield their indescribable riches.”

—John Chrysostom, A.D. 347-407

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**Observe the Depth of God's Wisdom
Read It Through**

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**Observe the Depth of God's Wisdom
Think It Clear**

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I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. —Psalm 119:15 ESV

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Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. —Psalm 119:27 ESV

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This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

—Joshua 1:8 ESV

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- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a lesson to learn?
- Is there a blessing to enjoy?
- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a new insight to carry with me today?

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⁹How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. ¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! ¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. —Psalm 119:9-11 ESV

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Observe the Depth of God's Wisdom

Write It Down

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Observe the Depth of God's Wisdom

Pray It In

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Observe the Depth of God's Wisdom

Live It Out

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But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. —James 1:22 ESV

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Observe the Depth of God's Wisdom

Pass It On

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²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month... ¹⁴And they found it written in the Law that the LORD had commanded by Moses that the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month...

—Nehemiah 8:2, 14 ESV

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Realign Your Life With God's Truth

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"Feast of the Tabernacles"

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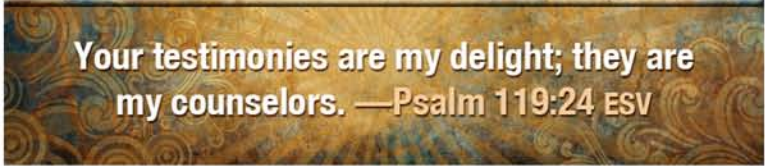
Delight in the Strength of God's Promises

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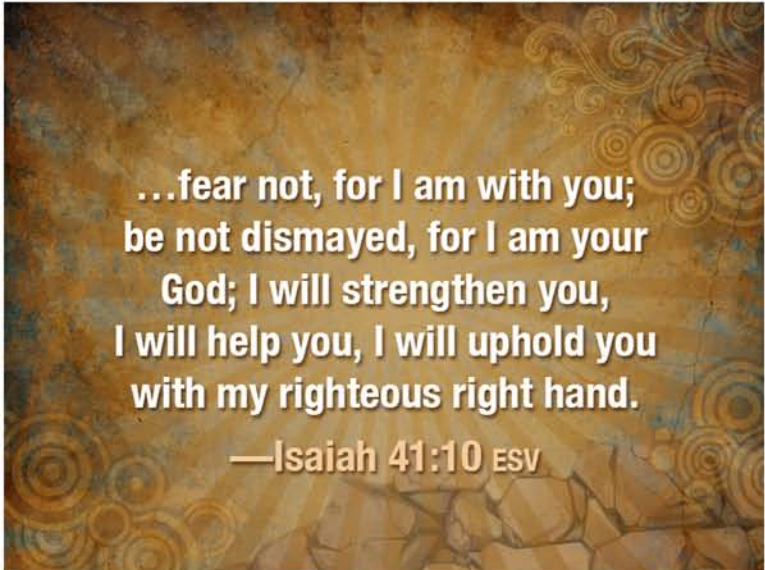
...for the joy of the LORD is your strength. —Nehemiah 8:10b ESV

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Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors. —Psalm 119:24 ESV

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...fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your
God; I will strengthen you,
I will help you, I will uphold you
with my righteous right hand.

—Isaiah 41:10 ESV

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