

Scripture (and Planning)

Nehemiah 8:5-12, 9:1-3



Understanding the Bible:
What is the problem being
expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

How did Nehemiah tell the people to respond to the
Word of God which they heard?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Nehemiah 8:5–12

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

H O L Y L Z A S Y S O N
N L O I D U T H E N N K
E B O L F R A M E N N L
H S E R E T F V B I D D
E T E C D V E O R O E E
M A W Z A I I D O N O U
I N S T R U C T E D D K
A D M G B A S P E E E R
H I M R E R O E W S F O
A N G R E A T O O E M E
N G F D N A B P R D E N
D F N S A I D L D Y K P
S U S I V O F E S T C N

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. **Ezra** praised the **LORD**, the **great** God; 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. The **Levites**—Jeshua,

Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah—**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**. **Then 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 all the **people** had **been** weeping as they listened to the **words** of the Law. **Nehemiah** **said**, "Go and enjoy choice **food** and sweet drinks, and **send** some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is **holy** to our **Lord**. Do not **grieve**, for the joy of the **LORD** is your strength." The **Levites** calmed all the **people**, saying, "Be still, for this is a **holy** day. Do not **grieve**." **Then** all the **people** went away 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.