

**Are you Thankful?**

# **Nehemiah 8:7-12**

**Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, explained the law to the people while the people remained in their place.**

**They read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading.**

**"This Day Is Holy"**

**Then 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 were weeping when they heard the words of the law.**

**Then he said to them, "Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."**

**So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved."**

**All the people went away to eat, to drink, to send portions and to celebrate a great festival, because they understood the words which had been made known to them.**

# 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

**I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge— because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.**

# **1 Corinthians 15:57-58**

**But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

# **2 Corinthians 4:7-15**

**But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.**

**For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.**

**So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.**

**It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken. "With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.**

# **2 Corinthians 9:10-15**

**Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.**

**This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.**

**Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**