

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
Nehemiah 10:1-39

1. What happened in our studies of Nehemiah 8-9 over the past week?
 - a. The Israelites gathered and stood and listened to Ezra read the law and the Levites interpret the law so that they could understand it.
 - b. The Israelites celebrated all the festivals that were commanded for the seventh month, including the Feast of Tabernacles.
 - c. The Israelites Praised God. Their praise included recognition of God's continuous faithfulness and repeated grace but concluded with their own commitment to live different going forward.

2. Verses 10:1-27 list the Israelites who sealed...something. What was it they were sealing? What did it mean that they were "sealing" this?
 - a. Uh...I think they closed it?
 - b. They made sure that nobody could get into it.?
 - c. They "signed" it with their seal, much like the signet that we talked about earlier in this series.

3. What types of things are being committed to, according to 10:29-39?
 - a. They promised to follow the Law of God and to obey carefully all the commands, regulations, and decrees of the Lord.
 - b. They are going to follow God's law regarding marriage to neighboring people who serve other gods.
 - c. They commit to the forgiveness of debts and resting the land in the seventh year as God commanded.
 - d. They are committing to not do business on the Sabbath when they should be taking time to focus on God.
 - e. They are committing to give offerings faithfully to God and His house, to support the work of the house of God, and to bring their first fruits.

4. Why were these things so important to them that they would make this kind of commitment?
 - a. Because God had commanded them and that mattered to them.
 - b. Because there were times when they had not done them, and they have seen the consequences in their lives of not putting God first.
 - c. Because God rescued them despite their unfaithfulness, and he is worthy of everything they could do or give.
 - d. Because the very act of giving their first fruits was a recognition and a gesture of thankfulness for what God had given them and how he had provided for them.

5. Are these things necessary if people love God? Yes_____ No_____ _____

- Is there a connection between loving God and taking care of the things and the people of God? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

6. Do we see the importance of taking on the responsibilities of caring for the house of God and those who minister there? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

- Have you made a commitment to these things? Yes_____ No_____ If not, will you now? _____
