

# JOYFUL OBEDIENCE

NEHEMIAH 8:13-18



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## Main Idea

God's people study the Word and find what it means to be obedient, and in obedience comes joy as you are connected to God

## Overview

### I. God's people study the Word

- A. Israelites awoke the next day to study the word again
- B. The leaders are gathered in order to impart to them the truth
- C. In their restoration the Israelites saw the study of the word as imperative to the process

### II. God's people study the Word to gain obedience

- A. After studying they saw and understood the importance of celebrating the Feast of Booths
- B. Author is pointing us to see the obedience to the Word in the restoration community

### III. God's people study the word to gain obedience which leads to joy

- A. After studying, then properly obeying the celebration of the feast of booths the Israelites rejoiced
- B. God being the source of Joy (Ps. 16.11) has us to study and obey and therein connects us to His will which connects us to that joy

## Questions

1. Why does it seem the study of the Word is an important aspect of the restoration community in gaining a display of God's glory? What will inform our minds/actions if we do not study the word? How should this inform our study of the word, both personally and corporately?
2. Delineate how the Bible is not a book of moral codes, and how it is a book of grace that draws us into a faithful life of worship.
3. Why is God so interested in our obedience? What happens if we just study apart from obedience?
4. Why is God so interested in our joy? Discuss the connection between study, obedience, and joy.
5. Why is it study of the word and obedience sometimes doesn't feel joyful?