

## **Light For The Path Ezra 7:10; Ps. 119:105**

Are we unashamed of the Gospel? It is the power of God unto salvation. It is our source of power today, the power and unction of the Holy Spirit as we follow Him. He is speaking- we are not listening. It is time for us to repent for closing our ears. Because when God speaks and we listen- miracles happen! We need to let God be God and stop trying to be His advisors. God forgive us for taking Him by the hand and trying to lead Him where we want to go. That's why we are in the trouble we're in. Are we ready to let God lead us by His own hand? It's time to relinquish the throne of our hearts to it rightful King. It's time to humble ourselves and turn from our wicked ways **2 Chron.**

**7:14.** May we not harden our hearts but may they be receptive to the voice of God. Are we prepared to not only hear the word of the Lord but to do it as well? **James 1:22**

There is coming a day when God will host a banquet for His people and rewards will be given out to all who were faithful to obey. Let's accept His Lordship over every area of our lives for good, not just for the good times.

**1 Peter 2:9** declares us to be a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. Ezra was an Old Testament priest who ministered for the people. We are New Testament priests able to minister for ourselves. The Old Testament writings are there as an example for us, that we might learn from their mistakes. Murmuring and complaining may bring a miracle but it also leads to death. If we say He leads us then He leads us in the wilderness as well as the green pastures. We can't be on again off again Christians. We need the correction as well as the encouragement.

We all want God to open doors for us but we need walls first. We need to operate within the protection of God's laws. Nehemiah built the walls, Ezra proclaimed the principles. The world is dark and getting darker; evil is growing, sickness is increasing. Could it be that sickness is increasing because we are not honouring the Sabbath?

In the midst of darkness the word of God is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Ezra prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord and to do it. That's a good soiled heart. We can't go down a path until we know where we are standing. Which path are we on? We stand in the midst of darkness but if we will learn the word of the Lord it will shed light on our feet and our path. It reveals where we stand. We need to see where we are going before we can show the way to others. Some are carrying the light but it's not shining. The power is missing. We need the power of the gospel of Christ to come into our lives to light our own feet and path. Then we need to learn of Him and as we're learning we need to live it. It's about doing as well as hearing. It's about obedience.

After we live it we have the right to loan it. We have no right to say something works if we haven't proved it for ourselves first. Who do we loan it to?

We need to be careful not to get the order wrong. Can we learn it before we see it? Can we loan it before we live it? The walls have to be there to hold the doors.

We must build up the walls (principles) of God's word around our families. If we do that we will be a voice to the world and not an echo of it. We need to be principle driven not purpose driven or goal driven. **Prov. 14:12.** We may not like what we hear but it is the truth of the God's word and we need to respond to it. The truth will set us free. **John 8:32 ; Gal. 3:3;** Let God's word light your path, learn it so that you can live it. Live it so you can loan it to others.