

“The Priority Of God’s Word”
Nehemiah 7-8
5/4/25
Message 7

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “The Priority Of God’s Word”
- **A FEW Years Ago – A Survey By Focus On The Family**
 - **“What Baby Boomers are looking for in a Church”**
 - (People born 1946-1964)
 - 6 Specific responses were given...
 - 1st Good Music
 - 2nd Social Groups
 - 3rd Big Meeting Rooms
 - 4th A Quality Kitchen
 - 5th Ample Parking
 - 6th Clean Restrooms
 - **What People Should be Looking for...**
 - 1st Doctrinally Sound Bible Teaching from God’s Word
 - The Gospel
 - 2nd Christ Centered Worship
 - 3rd Leadership that FEARS God NOT Man
 - 4th Church that Involvement in missions around the world

- 5th Opportunities to serve
- 6th A good environment to educate our Children
- **Now**
 - The contrast between the two list – Reveals A PROBLEM

• **The Problem...**

- **What we WANT vs. What we NEED**
 - Illustration - What we want to EAT vs. What we should Eat
 - What we WANT to eat to
 - A bunch of junk
 - What we should eat
 - Food that keeps us healthy / strong
- **Same With Church - What we WANT vs what we NEED**
 - **The First List - What we Want...**
 - You can find those at...
 - The Kiwanis Club
 - Rotary club
 - Knights of Columbus
 - The Primary focus of those groups?
 - Social Interaction
 - **The Second List - What we Need**

- We need a Bible Believing / Teaching / Living - Church
 - A Church Holy unto God
 - A Church Separate from the World
- The Very Name Church –
 - Greek: “Ecclesia”
 - Means:
 - Called out ones
 - Ecclesia speaks both of our Origin & Our Order.
- Our Origin
 - Who has called us out?
 - Called out by God!
 - Called out from the World
 - Called out to God Himself!
- Our Order
 - We have been called out for this purpose:
 - To Know God and to make Him known
 - To allow God to work in our lives & thru our lives to reach the world for Christ
- **Now once we understand our Purpose**
 - We discover that our purpose is best accomplished as we recognize

- What we NEED

- **Now in Nehemiah 7-8 - We see the Priorities of Church**

- **Now some of you might be thinking...**

- Wait a minute

- Nehemiah was written almost 500 years before the Church even came into existence

- That is true

- BUT Nehemiah is all about a Called Out People

- That God was seeking to work in and thru

- For that reason – A GREAT picture of the Church

- **Chapters 1-6 – Rebuilding The Walls**

- **The focus is on Rebuilding of the Walls –**

- Building and Battling

- **Brief Review**

- **God Judged Israel for the Years of Rebellion**

- The Northern Kingdom FELL First

- The Southern Kingdom FELL Second

- **The Return**

- **Nehemiah's Return to Build the Wall**

- Chapter 1 - Nehemiah – “A Burden & Prayer”

- Chapter 2 – “The Good Hand of My God Upon Me”

- Chapter 3 “Let US Rise Up And Build”
- Chapter 4 “Workers and Warriors”
- Chapter 5 “Resolving Conflicts Within”
- Chapter 6 “Doing a Great Work’
 - The Enemy Will Attempt To Isolate You vv. 1-4
 - The Enemy Will Make Insinuations Against You vv. 5-9
 - The Enemy Will Use Intimidation Against You vv. 10-16
 - The Enemy Will Keep Up The Intensity Of Their Attack vv. 17-19
- **Now Chapters 7-13 - Restoring the People**
 - **This is the focus of the rest of the book!**
 - We move from Rebuilding the Walls / CITY
 - To Rebuilding the PEOPLE – Spiritually
 - You Will NOTICE –
 - Called Out and what it looked like in the rest of the chapters
 - **Chapter 7**
 - Will focus on 3 Types of People
 - Godly Leaders
 - Active People – Those with a Pioneer Spirit

- Givers - Those with a heart to Give!

- **Chapter 8**

- Will Focus on their Return to GOD / His Word
- This chapter is a great example of the
 - PRIORITY OF PREACHING & TRUE REVIVAL
 - *J. Edwin Orr defined revival as: "The Spirit of God working through the Word of God, in the lives of the people of God."*
 - IN ANY True move of God
 - In every Revival that has every taken place in the History of the Church
 - There has been a PRIORITY placed on the WORD OF GOD
 - Contrast
 - When there has been a decline in morals / spiritual growth
 - Its always because there is an absent of Solid bible Teaching
 - *Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. "The most decadent periods in the history of the church have always been those periods when the priority of preaching the word had declined."*
- *THIS Is WHY WE PLACE a HIGH PRIORITY on TEACHING God's Word at Calvary Cameron Park*

- **Now this Morning 3 POWERFUL TRUTHS in the PRIORITY OF GOD'S WORD**

- Rebuilding Of The People (7:1-73)
- Reverence For The Word Of God (8:1-8)
- Responding To The Word Of God (8:9-18)

Rebuilding Of The People (7:1-73)

• First: Godly Leadership vv. 1-3

- 1st Then it was, when the wall was built (7:1)

Nehemiah 7:1 (NKJV)

1 Then it was, when the wall was built and I had hung the doors, when the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed,

▪ Everything WAS in Order

- Walls Built
- Gates Up
- Gatekeepers In Place
- Spiritually
 - The Singers
 - The Levites

- The singers and the Levites were there to lead the people in worship

- 2nd I gave the charge of Jerusalem (7:2)

Nehemiah 7:2 (NKJV)

2 that I gave the charge of Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the leader of the citadel, for he was a faithful man and feared God more than many.

▪ Gave Charge

- Nehemiah Delegates Authority

- Hanani

- Nehemiah's brother, and the one who first told him about the sad state of affairs in Jerusalem (Nehemiah 1:2).

- Hananiah

- A man of integrity, had deep spiritual convictions

- **Faithful man and Feared God more than many**

- More on This in a Minute...

- **3rd A Watchman Set on the Walls (7:3) – DUTY**

Nehemiah 7:3 (NKJV)

3 And I said to them, "Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot; and while they stand guard, let them shut and bar the doors; and appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, one at his watch station and another in front of his own house."

- **Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot...**

- A tremendous victory had been won – the walls were rebuilt.

- Yet, the walls would not protect themselves.

- Diligent watchmen must be appointed, and the walls had to be guarded.

- **Application - Criteria Mentioned here for the Appointing of Leaders**

- **1st Faithful**

- **Men that you can Count on**

- You don't have to wonder if they are going to show up – be there

- Men that will BE THERE no matter what!!!

- There YES is YES / No is NO

- *David Jeremiah; "Integrity is keeping my commitment even if the circumstances when I made the commitment have changed."*

- **Its Hard To Find Faithful Men / Women**

- This is a BIG Problem

- A shortage of Faithful Servants

- "I will be there as long as nothing else comes up"

- Illustration

- I read of one church choir director who was being driven out of his mind at the rehearsals for the Christmas concert. It seemed that at least one or more members of the choir was absent at every rehearsal. Finally they reached the last rehearsal, and he announced: "I want to personally thank the pianist for being the only person in this entire church choir to attend each and every rehearsal during the past two months."

- At this, the pianist rose, bowed, and said,

- "It was the least I could do, considering I won't be able to be at the concert tonight."

- Reason Why?

- 1st God is NOT number one in their lives
- 2nd There is Too much sacrifice / too hard...
- 3rd They are looking for instant results
 - No Patience / would never make it as a famer
- 4th Too many other things to do

- **God Is Still Looking For Faithful Servants**

- Acts 6:1-7 – Faithful men needed to take care of the Widows

- **1st Among Them**

- The first thing we are told about these guys is that they were to be men who were **AMONG THEM!**

- **2nd Good Reputation**

- Blameless – no accusations against them
- Job – Good Worker - Good Employees – Good Neighbor

- **3rd Full of the Holy Spirit**

- Exemplify the fruit of the Holy Spirit
- Lives are marked by a dependency upon the Holy Spirit

- **4th Full of Wisdom**

- Wisdom is the application of Knowledge

- **2nd Feared God More than Many**

- If men in leadership FEAR MAN more than God we have a problem

- You have

- Laodicea = People Rule

- What does it mean to FEAR God?

- IT MEANS TO FEAR GOD

- I know this doesn't always fit in our culture that only wants God as a buddy...

- BUT we are to have a FEAR of GOD

Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Luke 12:5 (NKJV)

5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

- **3rd Be Watchmen**

- Part of the Job of the leadership in a Church is to watch out for those who would seek to come in and take advantage of God's People.

Matthew 7:15 (NKJV)

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

- Not just watch for false teachers –
 - BUT false motives for being here
 - There are people who will come and act just like us but their motives are to do harm and take advantage
- A faithful man who fears the Lord
 - Will have to have the backbone to STAND up and defend the Cause of Christ against those who would pervert it

• **Second: Active People – Those with a Pioneer Spirit (7:4-69)**

- **1st They are listed in two places in God's word**
 - Ezra Chapter 2
 - Nehemiah Chapter 7
 - NOTE
 - Minor discrepancies are possibly due to Ezra listing those who intended to depart
 - While Nehemiah listed those who actually arrived
 - Or some other unknown reason.
- **2nd Names Are IMPORTANT to GOD**
 - Names are important to God
 - God knows your name –
 - Not a number – not a face in the Crowd – knows your name –
 - Knows your circumstance

○ **3rd These People had the Pioneer Spirit**

- Only about 2% of the Jews who were carried away into exile by the Babylonians came back...
- The one's who did have the pioneer spirit are worthy of mention
 - They were willing to endure
 - Hardship
 - Discomfort
 - All because they had a call from God that was more important than their own comfort!!!
 - Life was easier in Babylon, but it was better in Jerusalem!

• **Third: Givers - Those with a heart to Give! vv. 70-73**

Nehemiah 7:70–73 (NKJV)

70 And some of the heads of the fathers' houses **gave to the work**. The governor gave to the treasury one thousand gold drachmas, fifty basins, and five hundred and thirty priestly garments.

71 Some of the heads of the fathers' houses **gave to the treasury of the work** twenty thousand gold drachmas, and two thousand two hundred silver minas.

72 And that which the rest of the people **gave** was twenty thousand gold drachmas, two thousand silver minas, and sixty-seven priestly garments.

73 So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the Nethinim, and all Israel dwelt in their cities. When the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

○ **Some Gave More / Because God Blessed them**

- REASON GOD BLESSES SOME PEOPLE – To give where other cant / Its their Gift

Reverence For The Word Of God (8:1-8)

- **First: The Request (8:1)**

- **1st They told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law**

Nehemiah 8:1 (NKJV)

*1 Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and **they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses**, which the LORD had commanded Israel.*

- **The People Gathered / One MAN**

- God was working on their HEARTS

- They Gathered

- As ONE MIND

- Shows UNITY

- **They Told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses**

- SHOWS a HUNGER for God's Word

- **In Front Water Gate**

- Water for Washing is a picture of God's Word

John 15:3 (NKJV)

3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Ephesians 5:26 (NKJV)

26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

- Water for Drinking is a picture of the Spirit of God

John 7:37–39 (NKJV)

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

38 *He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*

39 *But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

- **SO When we apply the water of the Word to our lives**

- Then the Spirit can work and bring the help we need.
- It is refreshing to the soul when you receive the Word and allow the Spirit to teach you.

- **The Book of the Law of Moses**

- This refers to the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy).
- This was Israel's instruction manual for how to walk before God

- **Second: The Reading (8:2-4)**

- **1st Ezra the scribeEzra the priest v. 2**

Nehemiah 8:2 (NKJV)

2 *So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who could hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month.*

- **Ezra**

- The man responsible for having the temple rebuilt
 - For returning God's people to worship.

- **Nehemiah**

- Rebuilding the walls, just carried on the work that Ezra had begun.

- **All who could hear with understanding**

- Understanding = 6 TIMES in our Text
- This shows us who needed to hear the word of God.
- Everyone who could understand it needed to hear it.

- **2nd Then he read from it in the open square v. 3**

Nehemiah 8:3 (NKJV)

3 Then he read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

- **Ezra read God's word from daylight to midday**

- For some 6 HOURS he read God's Word and the people listened.

- **3rd So Ezra Stood on a platform v. 4**

Nehemiah 8:4 (NKJV)

*4 So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of wood which they had made for the purpose; and beside him, at his right hand, stood Mat-ti-thi-ah, She-ma, An-
aiah, U-ri-jah, Hil-kiah, and
Ma-a-sei-ah; and at his left hand Pe-dai-ah, Mi-sha-el, Mal-chi-jah, Ha-shum,
Hash-bad-a-na, Zechariah, and Meshullam.*

- **A Wooden Platform**

- So that the word of God could be heard.

- **At his right hand...and at his left hand:**

- On the right hand and left hand of Ezra were men who were supporting him in his ministry of teaching God's word.

- **Third: The Respect vv.5-8**

- **1st When he opened it, all the people stood up v. 5-6**

Nehemiah 8:5–6 (NKJV)

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. Then all the people answered, “Amen, Amen!” while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

- **Standing above**

- Platform

- **The People Stood**

- They had respect for God’s Word.
- They recognized it for what it was –
 - The Word of God, not the word of man.
 - They honored it.

- **Quick Point**

- Do we Honor God’s Word – YOUR BIBLE
 - The Way BEST way - shown BY DOING – Obedience
- But how do we treat His Bible
 - Illustration
 - Letter from Pres. Trump

- **The People**

- Thanked God (by saying Amen when Ezra blessed the LORD).
- Prayed (by lifting up their hands).
- Worshipped (by bowing down before Him).
- **2nd Helped the people to understand the Law vv. 7-8**

Nehemiah 8:7–8 (NKJV)

*7 Also Jesh-u-a, Ba-ni, Sher-e-bi-ah, Jamin, Ak-kub, Shab-be-thai, Ho-di-jah, Ma-a-sei-ah, Ke-li-ta, Azariah, Jo-za-bad, Hanan, Pe-lai-ah, and the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law; and the people stood in their place.
8 So they read **distinctly** from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading.*

- Special men were appointed to help the people understand God's word.
 - They needed to understand
 - Not just what the text said
 - BUT how it should CHANGE their lives – APPLICATION

• Fourth Application – Signs of a HEALTHY Church

- **1st There is a Desire to hear God's Word - HUNGRY for the Word**

Nehemiah 8:1 (NKJV)

1 Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel.

- **The People were HUNGRY for the Word**
 - They asked Ezra to get the Word and to Read to them.
- **Gathered as ONE MAN**

- God's word is the great unifier
- Remember Unity can NEVER be created, it is the natural outflow from hearts surrendered to God and His Word
- **Do WE HUNGER for the WORD?**
 - A Health Church can't get enough of it!!!
 - Illustration
 - During the Jesus revolution
 - Chuck would teach for 2 plus hours
 - Every service was packed
- **Sadly - What we have seen in last 20 years**
 - There is a growing trend today in many Christian Churches
 - No more Sunday night services
 - No more midweek services
 - Because people were just not showing up for Bible study.
 - The Attitudes
 - I have heard so many Bible studies I don't need to go anymore
 - Start to think – don't need bible study
 - I have a LOT to DO
 - We live in a busier time

- Too FULL of the World
 - We have too much pursuit of Wordily things
- **We Need Revival**
 - The Church NEEDS to HUMBLE themselves –
 - Not the world first the church
 - The Church NEEDS to get on Fire for God and His Word
- **2nd A Desire to Understand the Word vv. 2-4 & 7-8**
 - NOTE
 - 6 times in this chapter you can find “Understanding” mentioned
 - (2–3, 7–8, 12–13)

Nehemiah 8:2 (NKJV)

2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who could hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month.

- **Who Could Understand**
 - We see a Biblical support here for Children’s Ministry
 - Communicate at his age level and they are going to minister in a way that is very fun
- **For those Old Enough Special Instruction was Given**
 - In vv.7-8
 - We are told that Special men were appointed, who helped the people to understand the Law.
 - Verse 8 - The word Distinctly

- That the Law was explained to the people in a language they could understand.
- The Word was translated and expounded in such a way that the people were able to apply it to their own lives.
- They explained the Word

▪ **Application**

• Expository Teaching from our text

- R – Read The Word
- E – Explain The Word
- A – Apply The Word
- L – Live The Word

• Pastors JOB

- Understanding needs to be the first goal of any preacher or teacher.
- If you leave knowing
 - 5 helpful hints to a better life
 - But do not have a greater understanding of God's Word, I have failed.
 - Having been amused by humor, entertained by anecdotes, or captivated by dramatic stories

- But do not have a greater understanding of God's Word, I have failed.
- Motivated to action
 - But it is not based on a greater understanding of God's Word, I have failed.
- Admiring me
 - But do not have a greater understanding of God's Word, I have failed
- **THIS Is WHY WE PLACE a HIGH PRIORITY on TEACHING God's Word at Calvary Cameron Park**
 - **We Believe the BEST way to do this is expository teaching**
 - **Not Just teaching FROM God's Word BUT Teaching God's Word**
 - **Book by Book / Chapter by Chapter / Verse by Verse**
 - **Line upon line, precept upon precept**
 - **Our Text today SUPPORTS this type of teaching**

Responding To The Word Of God (8:9-18)

First: Right Response v. 9a

Nehemiah 8:9 (NKJV)

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, 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 nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.

- **Proper Response to God's Word.**

- **The RESULT of the preaching of the Law = SORROW**

- They Wept at hearing it
 - It convicts us / GUILTY of sin.

- **The Law can NEVER save us.**

- It can only condemn us.

Romans 3:19 (NKJV)

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

- We are told that by the law comes the knowledge of sin.
 - Speeding sign – reveals – going to fast
- That was the purpose of the law
 - Tutor – a school master – teach us and instruct us
- **The law also Revealed OUR need For A Savior**

Galatians 3:24 (NKJV)

24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

- So the word was doing it's intended work here –
 - They wept – because the law revealed their sin

- **Second: Now Rejoice vv. 10-12**

Nehemiah 8:9–12 (NKJV)

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, 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 nor weep.” For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.**

10 Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, **for the joy of the LORD is your strength.**”

11 So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, “Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved.”

12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them.

- **1st This Day Is Holy**

- PLEASE NOTE

- This doesn't mean that the people were never to mourn over their sins and repent.

- They would be doing that in (Neh. 9).

- It's just that for THIS moment

- This is supposed to be a time for joy

- BECAUSE

- The Feast of Booths (Tabernacles)

- One of the MOST Joyous festivals they had

- **2nd The Joy of the Lord is your Strength / Consider this Phrase**

- **1st That is THE SOURCE OF STRENGTH - God's Joy Over You**

- The words they had heard did remind them that God Punishes sin!

- BUT Also that God blesses obedience

- That was / is reason to celebrate
- The JUSTICE of the Law brings SORROW
- But the JOY of the Lord brings STRENGTH
- The Joy of the Lord
 - I am strong when I realize that the Lord LOVES me
 - When I realize that He has WASHED me in the blood of His Son and that He LOVES me.
 - Guzik; “Our knowledge of our sin should never be bigger than our knowledge of Jesus as our savior. We are great sinners, but He is a greater savior.”

• **Third: Renewed Obedience vv. 13-18**

Nehemiah 8:13–18 (NKJV)

13 Now on the second day the heads of the fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to understand the words of the Law.

14 And they found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month,

15 and that they should announce and proclaim in all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, “Go out to the mountain, and bring olive branches, branches of oil trees, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written.”

16 Then the people went out and brought them and made themselves booths, each one on the roof of his house, or in their courtyards or the courts of the house of God, and in the open square of the Water Gate and in the open square of the Gate of Ephraim.

17 So the whole assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and sat under the booths; for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day there was a sacred assembly, according to the prescribed manner.

○ **1st The Feast of Tabernacles**

- **And they found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded by Moses:**
 - This was beautiful, simple obedience.
 - Their attitude was that God said it, so we will do it.
 - Even though tradition did not tell them to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (it had not been done since the days of Joshua)
 - They relied on God's word, not on tradition.
- **The Feast of Tabernacles**
 - Was all about remembering how God had blessed and provided for Israel in the wilderness during the Exodus.

Closing

• **The Feast of Tabernacles WAS A TIME FOR**

- **1st A Time of Looking Back**
 - Even though Their city was now safe – even though their homes were being rebuilt
 - They were to take seven days to camp out – in booths – tents – reminder – of that time when God took care of ALL their NEEDS
 - Communion
 - Is a TIME to Look Back – Remember the DBR of Jesus
- **2nd A time for looking around at the harvest blessings from the hand of God.**

- The Lord had given them a good land, and they were never to forget the Giver as they enjoyed the gifts
- Communion
 - Is a TIME to Look AROUND
 - See the BLESSINGS of Our Salvation
 - To Repent if NEED be
 - To Reconcile if NEED be
 - **3rd A Time to Look ahead to the glorious kingdom God promised His people Israel**
 - It was a week-long festival of joyful praise and thanksgiving, focusing on the goodness of the Lord.
 - Communion
 - Is a TIME to Look Ahead to Christ JOYFUL Return

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “*Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.*”

25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “*This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*”

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.