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[Speaker 1]: Lets stand shall we

[Musical Introduction]

[Speaker 1]: Let's just have the voices without the instruments, on the verse and then they'll join in on the chorus. Okay?

[Music Continues]

[Speaker 2]: Remain standing for a prayer. Shall we quiet our hearts and I'll just open with a short section here from Amy Carmichael's book. Can we ever cease to wonder at the love of our companions and then suddenly we recognize our lord in them. It is his love that they lavish upon us. Oh love of god made manifest in thy lovers. We worship thee. Father might that be the prayer from the corners of each of our hearts. We worship thee. My oh my the goodness, the many gifts that you bestow upon us. Give us appreciative hearts, eyes to see the abundance and to realize that it's a direct gift from your hand to our lives. Father for this morning service we're looking that you'll have a freedom to minister amongst us. And we'll thank you for your presence in Jesus name. Amen.

[Charles Feinberg]: Man, that's the theme song of one of the broadcasts for missions. I think its voice have chimed in Asia. Some of you may hear it up here. Olson a husband and wife team. is this your territory brother? Shall we turn this morning to the 8th chapter of Nehemiah. We're

coming actually to the climax of the book. This book of Nehemiah is not just a builder's book. It's not for carpenters and stonemasons and the like. it has spiritual impact. In the first section, on Monday morning we saw a child of god burdened. no work really for god at home or abroad is ever done. never accomplishes much unless there is at least one person who is burdened to whom the need appeals in a very striking way. In this case, it was this great man of god Nehemiah. and we entitle that first chapter the cup bearer weeps. the cup bearer weeps. man of god exercised. and then, we saw in the second place, that when one is so exercised, there is going to be some action. some steps are going to be taken under god to accomplish a reversal of the sad condition that then obtains. And so we have Satan opposing. Satan opposing. Satan attacks. But the people can't be stopped because power of god is behind them energizing them. And so we have the people build and accomplish the will of god so we built the wall. What chapter of Nehemiah. So we built the wall. Now this morning we come to chapter 8 and 10. 8 and 10. The two themes are revival and rededication. Beautifully going together as they do elsewhere in the scripture. Or we might put it in a sentence as we have been before, the cup bearer weeps. Satan attacks. The people build. The people are revived. The people are revived. Now the book of Nehemiah has been so largely taken up, up to this point with details and mechanics of building. And the evil machinations of the enemy that you're apt to feel about this time that the book is largely devoid of actual spiritual depth and thrust. It's understandable. But chapters 8 and 10, you're coming to the capstone now. Chapters 8 and 10 prove exactly the opposite. They reveal that the physical building was solely as a foundation for the spiritual undergirding and maturing, maturation of the people of the lord. Calvary didn't come in genesis 1, remember. It didn't come in genesis 3. Gods answer to the awful tragedy of genesis 3 and the fall. No, you have to have the scaffolding. You have to have the platform. You have to have the stage set. You have to have the physical

universe. That's where you start. And so in Nehemiah you find that the physical building is only a foundation for the spiritual activities undergirding and maturing of the people of god. Now these chapters here 8 and 10, 9th happens to be a prayer. Probably the longest one in the bible. The one of Solomon at the dedication of the temple was a long one but not quite as long as this. And neither is the one in Daniel 9 as long as this. It's interesting that the 3 captivity books all have a prayer in the 9th chapter. Ezra 9, Nehemiah 9, and Daniel 9 all are chapters that include prayers and given over to prayers. Now these chapters 8 and 10 are so normative for the spiritual life that for all the world they remind us of events in the book of acts. Someone as well said, gods dealings with them at this time in this way, in him we have as a result the remnant reaching what was probably the highest moral state that they ever attained all the way from the Babylonian captivity to the coming of Jesus the messiah. Now that's a remarkable high plane. Right now. By the marvelous work of Ezra and especially Nehemiah in this chapter 8 and then 10. It is beautiful to see this high level plateau of moral state that exceeds anything that is seen among the chosen people from after the Babylonian captivity to the coming of our lord Jesus Christ. Now the two events, they're separated in the text, by that chapter on prayer as I indicated. Though they are separated by the 9th chapter, they are interwoven. They are interdependent. You and I cannot understand fully the 10th chapter until we see that 10th chapter in the light of the 8th and the 8th chapter is one of the true mountain peak chapters in all of the word of god. Let alone the book of Nehemiah. One of the greatest revivals recorded in the bible are out of it. Well see the features of it. You'll find in the 8th chapter of Nehemiah the revival over the 8th chapter we'll put the revival, over the 10th chapter the rededication. Marvelous to see the people of god revival indicates there is life. But life that needs to be renewed on fire. Stimulated. Fed. Notice the features. And by so much these features, these spiritual principles need to be seen and

emphasized in reviving today. Notice these different features. I suppose there were some at least spiritual souls there who asked the all-important question. So we built the wall, so we finished it, first of all up to half of it. And then in its entirety in the 6th chapter. They probably were asking this important question. After the building what program now? What's next on the agenda. After this, what? Look at verse 1 of chapter 8. The people were united and waiting upon the lord. Chapter 8 verse 1 and all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate. Tomorrow we'll be speaking about the 10 gates in the 3rd chapter. One man, they were all there as one man into the street. They'd come there before the water gate. They spoke unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the Law of Moses which the lord had commanded to Israel. The people of one mind. Wasn't it marvelous before acts 2, that you had them of one mind in acts 1. They were gathered together of one mind of one heart. And I want to tell you as you well know that such unity, such oneness is never a product of man's activity. It's always issues from the work of god. It takes god to put so many diverse features and factors together. Some folks say well how shall we counsel so and so. They're getting ready to get married. What is the secret of a consistent, solid, continuous life? A happy life. The only way it can be a success is god. If he's left out you already have the secret for failure. That marriage I don't care how wonderful the personalities are. That marriage somewhere along the line is going to fall flat on its face. And isn't it amazing that were seeing people divorced now who have been married 25, 30, 35 years. now if you're married about 45 as we are they say well it looks like that marriage is going to last. Well yes. I say there's a reason. We sign a contract every year. Nobody works without a contract. And the contract is first last and always were going to do the will of god. That's our purpose here. Our motto from the very beginning is as for me and my house, we will serve the lord. If you serve anything else, you're going to be in trouble. There's got to be

unity. Waiting upon god. Then that first verse is worth its weight in gold. Of course it will far outshine all the gold. Our word we have here in the bible in the 66 books of the bible, we read that forever, thy word is settled in heaven. Always settled there. It needs to be settled in some folks hearts too. All our hearts. But here is a beautiful word in this first chapter. Do you notice there was a call for the word of god. There was a call for the word of god in verse 1. And do you know who made the call? Not Ezra. They spoke unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the Law of Moses which the lord had commanded to Israel. Here it is. This is what we would call a genuine grassroots movement for the word of god. Would god we saw today. And the motion I repeat the movement was from the people to their leaders instead of the opposite. How many times in their past history it had been the contrary. Hezekiah wanted to begin a revival.

Renewing thing. Recelebration of the Passover. What happened? Just smiled at him some did. Hezekiah said that's not going to stop me were going to do it anyhow. We're going to do it anyhow. And this book tells how long a time by the time Nehemiah came, there had been no celebration of the Passover. It's going to amaze you how long a time will show you in just a little while. But the people reverently heard the word. verse 3. And he read it, this is Ezra, he read from it facing the street that was before the water gate, from the morning until midday. As I said yesterday. Imagine people standing, standing from morning until noon. No coffee breaks either. From the morning until midday, before the men and the women and those who could understand and the ears of all the people who were attentive unto the book of the law. They reverently heard the word. This scene is duplicated as far as I can tell nowhere else in the bible. The people were so eager so reverent so differential, so respectful to the word of god. The bible my dear friends will transform any person or nation. It isn't that we don't have military power, we have more than we've ever had before. It isn't that we don't have more scientific know how, we have more

than we know what to do with. We've got so much nuclear power they're killing each other. Don't even know how to control it. It's all coming out now. They put certain guidelines and they don't even pay any attention. Don't even know how to use it. No wonder you have people walking up with signs saying do away with this stuff. I don't think they should touch it until they know how to control it. For whatever good it would do us. If one person alone is killed, let alone how many would be, it just isn't worth it. Oh we have all of these things. All of these things. But none of them adds up to a nation's true greatness. That which made this nation, that which founded it. And similarly in the Anglo saxon tradition, in our neighbors to the north in Canada, Great Britain. That which made these nations great was the word of god. Think of queen Victoria's age. Tell you they were a power. They were a power. Word of god. The Elizabethan age. The bible will transform any person or nation. If it's not true were wasting our time. It's not to change the scenery beloved. It's to change the inner man. John Richard green begins his second volume on a short history of the English people with these words. Beautiful. No greater moral change ever passed over a nation than passed over England during the years which parted the middle of the reign of Elizabeth from the meeting of the long parliament. England became the people of a book. And that book was the bible. That's it. Israel Zangwill I'm sure it wasn't only facetiously I'm sure it was sadly. Israel Zangwill was a great English author and he said my people, Jewish writer. He said my people have been known through the centuries as the people of the book, god's word. Instead of the people of the book they've become the people of the pocket book. And that's what we have in our country. It all what means more than anything else is capital G N P. You know what that means don't you. Gross national product. That seems to be the be all and end all for heaven's sake. Let's forget dun and Bradstreet and the rest of it. The stock market. Why that thing is so sensitive, that when one president ate the wrong kind of pie it

went crazy. Remember? Remember when Eisenhower had ileitis you know. He ate the wrong kind of pie for dessert and the stock, if you don't believe it look it up in the papers. The stock market went crazy. It is the word of god that makes a nation great. It's the word of god that makes any individual what god wants him to be. Now look at verses 5 to 8, the submission that was given to the word. This beautiful revival. Verses 5 to 8. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he stood, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. during my seminary teaching both in Texas and in California, I've had pastorates at the same time. and I had always had always understood that in the service when it came time to read the word of god I was already standing of course. everybody else was to stand also. and what a testimony that can be to the unsaved. here's something that people respect. and know it's from god. and so here they are. they all, nobody told them. at this certain signal, let's all get up. no, all the people stood up. and Ezra blessed the lord the great god and all the people answered amen amen. lifting up their hands and they bowed their heads and worshipped the lord with their faces to the ground. and then Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, and Jamin, and Akkub I know you're not going to name your children that but this is in the word. Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place. Were supposed to understand. So they read in the book in the law of god distinctly and gave the sense and caused them to understand the reading. Submission to the word. It permeates the whole account. Notice their reverence. Notice their humility. Notice their abasement before the word. This can only issue in a genuine revival. A native of India writing to a friend about a great revival that were having said. He didn't get the wording quite right. He said we are having a great rebible here. rebible. We're having a great rebible here. Well the church does need to be rebibled. You hear about folk

having certain sicknesses, or certain deficiencies. So they go and get shots of adrenaline or dexedrine or amphetamine and what they all need are huge shot of bibline. We need to be rebibled. And then verses 9 to 12. And Nehemiah who is the [inaudible] governor, that's the Persian word for governor. And Ezra the priest the scribe of the Levites who taught the people, said unto all the people. This day is holy unto the lord your god. More not, nor weep. Why? Because as the word was read they saw how far short they came of it. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the lord. They were taking it to heart, they weren't just respecting the word, they were taking it to heart. Then he said unto them, go your way. Eat the fat and drink the sweet and portions of them for whom nothing is prepared for this day is holy unto our god, unto our lord. Neither be grieved for the joy of the lord. This is often quoted, Nehemiah 8:10. For the joy of the lord is your strength. Now notice the next verses. So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved. And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them. From mourning to mirth. What a beautiful change. Mourning, there they were. They were mourning there. In verse 9, but in verse 12 it was altogether changed. The word was the means of changing godly sorrow unto joy. The word is never meant to amuse. It's never meant to peak the curiosity, to entertain. To pass time. To kill time, but to convict and transform. The other night we were talking about George Whitfield preaching and how that [inaudible] came with stones in his pocket waiting for a time to throw them at Whitfield and to discomfort him and shame him. But the spirit of god as the man himself said, I came expecting to break your head. But the spirit of god through your words has broken my heart. The man was gloriously saved that's what the word is for. And note verse 14 they obeyed the word, they put it into practice. And they found

written, verse 14 chapter 8. They found written in the law which the Lord had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month. This was the seventh month you remember. In fact it began on the first day that's why it was not to be a day of mourning, it was to be the feast of trumpets and that was a feast of joy. And by the time they got to the fourteenth day, they were to put into celebration the feast of tabernacle. They obeyed the word. Not just respected it, they obeyed him. Feast of tabernacles hadn't been observed in notice how long verse 17. It's almost unbelievable. And all the congregation of them who were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun, 1400 BC, unto that day, about 400 BC, for a thousand years. A millennium, they hadn't kept it. Had not the, here it is in the bible. Had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness. There's always gladness when you do the will of god. Always. Oh what a time. That's the feast when Christ rules. That's why they took bows of trees, goodly branches, and came saying hosanna to the son of David. Why? They knew if this truly is the messiah, the so called triumphal entry, if this is the messiah, then he inaugurates rest. I will tabernacle among them and make my abode with him. And notice verse 18, last verse. The value of the word last. Some folks say, you know you fundamentalists take an awful lot of time to get a lot of good music, get a lot of trained folk, you get evangelists, you make a lot of preparation of all kinds. And then you make a big stir. But it's all gone. Where is it now? Oh they don't see the work god's done. When a skeptic said that once to a true child of god, he says there's your evangelistic campaign. He says where is it now? He said well did you know, a few weeks ago I went by a certain house and the windows were open and the drapes were drawn aside. And the lights were on that evening and I could see that there was such merriment and joy. It was amazing. And I asked someone what's happened there? They said a child's been born into

that home. Two weeks later I passed that same place. No music, no hilarity, no special merriment. But he says you know the baby was still there. That's it. What's done lasts. It certainly does. And the value of the word of god lasts. We're going to see it very clearly in the 10th chapter. Now mark well, let's go back to, were still in this 8th chapter. It's a choice one. It's a pearl. Mark well the spiritual teachers are as necessary to a nation as godly statesman are. Sometimes I think even more. The people gather together what? To a political campaign? I suppose you need them. Someday I wish we'd do it in this country the way they do it in Canada in England. Just get it over with. You're going to make the same mistakes anyhow. And all the people gather themselves together. you better be in prayer and vote and all the people gather themselves together one man into the street that was before the Watergate and they spoke unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the lord had commanded to Israel. Here it is. We need we need spiritual teachers. As well as godly statesmen. Did you ever stop to wonder why it is that they make certain exceptions in drafts in calling men to the service for men of the ministry? That isn't because they're supposed to be some kind of a special person well they just can't take it. If you knew as many Chapmans as I do I've known them that have been wounded in service. I've known them to be among the troops and all. There's a reason why most of them are expected to remain in the homeland. If the home front collapses, then what are those dear folk over there giving their lives for. Purposes to maintain the spiritual morale. Here it is. Oh these dear ones, come. Come. Because spiritual teachers as necessary as godly statesman. And the anniversary of the restoration of the older you have in verse 2. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear. And he was facing. He was facing that altar. Ezra 3:1-3 tells us that. Where was the place? The Watergate. We'll see verse 3. We'll talk more about the gates tomorrow. Public place and a place

of many blessings. Verses 1 and 2. You have the people as well as the place. Parents, children who could understand. And notice the unanimity in verse 1 as one man. If you think that's easy, you try to get it even in the home unless the lord is behind it all. Unanimity and what were they there for? Eager to learn. They spoke to Ezra. Oh my. To get folk eager to learn. What was the program in verse 6? Ezra read the Hebrew texts, the Levites translated and expounded it where it was needed. And the people stood in their place. They caused, verse 7, the people to understand the law. One dear lady from Scotland came home one lord's day and oh she said the preacher preached a terrific sermon. It was marvelous oh she went on and on and on and on and on and on and on about it. Never heard anything more marvelous. Somebody says and what did he preach on? She gave the subject. What did he say? Did you understand it? She said I would not have the presumption. She wouldn't have the presumption to understand what he was saying. Well how do you know it was any good? You've got to understand it. Too many sermons are like lectures in a classroom. A lecture too often is the process whereby the notes of the professor become the notes of the student without passing through the minds of either one of them. No wonder it said of one professor that he dreamt he was teaching a class and woke up to find he was. Let's get the word clearly. I've noticed a change in students and preachers too. They overdo the words. You know what I mean until they drive you up the wall. I had a student come in to request something. Said you know what I mean. You know what I mean. You know what I mean. I said I can only assume two things when you say you know, you know, you know. You are telling me that I know. If I know why are you telling it to me. And if you mean do you know what I mean, if I'm that stupid that I have to have you know after every sentence, you're wasting your time. There are more words in the English language than you know. And I've heard preachers. Even on who was taking our pastors place recently. Talking on a wonderful subject. He was in Philippians.

And he said you know the lord said, hey. I can assure you many things I don't know what the lord says but he doesn't say hey. And that's it. Hey. Hey. At least you can use the Texas word hi. And hi in Japanese means yes. No, beloved if you don't believe there are plenty of words in the English language, just get yourself an unabridged Webster. Next to the bible that's a wonderful help in speaking the English language. And in any study of the word of god too. Wonderful definitions in Webster on theological areas. Don't do that. Campbell Morgan had little book out and in introduction to what was written by one of my wife's teachers at moody, he was present for a long time. James M Gray. Dr. Gray. What a student of the word of god he was. Well in that book, Campbell Morgan of England wrote on how to master the English bible. How to master the English bible. He says preachers ordinarily make three mistakes. Number one, they take for granted, either they take for granted that people know what they're going to say. And so they don't care about making it very clear. Here they made it clear. Secondly, they make another mistake. That no matter how much they explain, the people won't understand anyhow. That's wrong. And thirdly, what's the good of it all together. That's no way to do it so they don't have enough stamina and spiritual fervor to make it meaningful. No. the way to do it is to understand that the people don't know what you're going to say until they hear it. But that secondly if you do make it plain they're not that stupid, god gave them minds. They will understand and by the help of god in the third place, they will take it to themselves and put it into operation. Yes. They read the Hebrew text, the Levites translate it and expounded it where it was needed. The service was worshipful verse 5 and 6. Oh how they stood up. How they bowed their heads. How they worshipped. How they entered in. amen. My, look at the lowest state of the church. If a person in the church says amen, some folk will look at him as scance [sp?] as if they spoken a swear word. Its fact. They say where did this Methodist ever come in here. Where did he ever come in. don't

you know amens just in the bible, you're not supposed to say it. It's that right. Do you know that's one of the names of god? He is the god of amen in Isaiah. Ye and amen all of gods promises are ye and amen and Christ Jesus the lord. So the service was worshipful. You know that helps. That helps. Like the dear Swedish fellow said he loved coffee so well, he drank about 16, 17 cups a day. One fellow said I know coffee is Swedish plasma but aren't you overdoing it a little? Doesn't that keep you awake at night? He said it helps. yes, to be worshipful and if you are in a church where the service is just so freewheeling you better find out. You are standing before the lord of all the earth. Even the seraphim before the lord. Don't stand there without veiled faces and veiled feet. Humility and cannot look on the holiness of god who they hover above him as in the 6th chapter of Isaiah. Service was worshipful. It was conducted with reverence. Let Isaiah in all fairness, let our church services be different than a circus. And a lot of them are like that. And then, let it be clear notice in verse 8, so they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. I know one of our assistant pastors, we have about 5 or 6 in our church. And he ought to know well. He ought to know better. He came from a fine undergraduate course. I know which one it was. He went to two fine theological seminaries. Ours was one of them. And he began reading. He was reading in romans. He was reading the scripture lesson. And do you know he just butchered it. Talk about reading it, he read in the book of the law of god you'd have thought he was reading from the Quran in the first time. I thought my my my hasn't this fellow ever looked it over? And do you know from that time on, when I'm in a service no matter where I am in a conference, if they have a service where there is a reading of scripture and they ask me what scripture do you want read? I don't give them the passage I'm on because I could scarcely look it in the face after that. I'll give them something that's a parallel passage or just some one of the psalms. Why? If they're going to ruin

it, and you know that fellow stumbled over that so badly and he realized he did and he said oh well or whatever. If I didn't want to show disrespect I'd have walked out of the service. You can't get worshipful. You say well you're old folk. Well I'm older than that. I'm over 50 going on 100. And some days when I'm tired I think I've reached it. The service was worshipful. It was reverent. It was clear. It was unhurried. We're always in a hurry. We've got our, you've got a microwave home. That doesn't take any time. Or the other one. Just wait a little while.

Unhurried. Yes. This business is, and I've heard them use that word. Well you know were going to streamline the service. Can you imagine that. Some folk even do their devotional reading in speed reading. Reminds you of that young fellow. Prayed, he was a young Christian so he didn't know very much about praying but he said lord, teach me patience and do it right now. Probably the same fellow who said I really want to be used of you. Use me in any way you'd like preferably in an advisory capacity. They don't need any advice in the trinity really. Let's quit this hurried stuff. Unhurried. Why look at some folk you'd think they were an Egyptian mummy pressed for time. And verse 9, it was fruitful. How was this server fruitful. First of all, verse 9 [inaudible] as I indicated, and then in verse 12, joy. spurgeon was right, my what a preacher he was. Charles Haddon Spurgeon said once, if you preach and you don't make some people glad and some sad and some mad, then you might just well sit down and forget it. not everybody was happy about what our lord preached were they? just read the fourth chapter of Luke. they wanted to do away with him in the fourth chapter of Luke because they told him the truth. now the tenth chapter of Nehemiah we had the what revival now the rededication. look at 9:38, excuse me, yes it is. 9:38, the 38th verse of the 9th chapter of Nehemiah. by the way, there is a different division in the Hebrew text. the same number of verses of course. but there is a different division. 9:38 is 10:1 in the Hebrew. which means instead of 39 verses in the 10th chapter they have 40. not much

different. so here in 9:38, it should be included here we read and because of all this we make a sure covenant and write it. that's evidently why in the Hebrew text we put it with what we call our chapter 10 because it's on that theme. and our princes, Levites, and priests, set their seal to it, and then tells who they were who set the seal. 10:1. Nehemiah 9, I said is one of the longest prayers in the bible. now what was the need of a covenant? they were revived. but the covenant was a written declaration, signed sealed and delivered. from Nehemiah to the lowest in position. how do you know? look at verse 28. verse 28 we read, And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, means the given ones, apparently the gibeonites, who were made hewers of wood and yes and drawers of water, they were servants around the temple. and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding. that was a wide group from the lowest up to the highest. yes. and from the highest to the lowest. the covenant was a written declaration. some folk say well I've made a decision why do I have to sort of solidify it? because that's the way we respond and that's the way we live. somebody says can't I worship god apart from a church? the next question is do you? do you? god is spirit. he seeks such to worship him. worship the spirit in truth. but he didn't say you don't need to worry about a local place. you don't need to worry about a local congregation. oh no he didn't. he said I am going to make my name to dwell in this place and when Solomon had finished his prayer, great prayer of dedication. First kings 8. God appeared to him and said I heard you Solomon I will accept this and I will dwell in that house. Look at your epistles; they are to churches in localities. Not in Shangri la. Or in some great isle of nowhere. No, what was the content of the covenant. Look at the verses 29 - 31.

They did cleave to their brethren. I'm in Nehemiah 10:29. They did cleave to their brethren their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord, and his ordinances and his statutes;

And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land. They're going to bring this right down to the family. Nor take their daughters for our sons:

And if the people of the land bring wares or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the Sabbath. The Law of Moses was still in effect. Or on the holy day: and that we would forego the crops of the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt. Somebody was asking me last night after my testimony about the keeping of the Sabbath. Look how perverse man is. The Sabbath was given to Israel. The 10 commandments were given to Israel. It starts with the lord god who brought us out of the land of Egypt. When did god ever bring your ancestors out of the land? It was given to people that came out of Egypt. Isn't it interesting and how perverse of mankind that the Sabbath that was given to Israel wasn't kept and people to whom it was never given want to keep it now. They call themselves [inaudible] I call them secondhand Jews. A little worn out of the edges too. Now, isn't it interesting that all