

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK – Part XXIII
“Don’t Forget to Remember”
Reference: **Nehemiah 8:9-18**
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At the beginning of Nehemiah 8, estimates are there were about 40,000 people that had congregated together in Jerusalem in order to hear Ezra, the scribe, read from the Hebrew Torah (Pentateuch).

Read **verses 9-12** (see screen)

Nehemiah, Ezra, and those Levite men that assisted them in teaching the congregation told the people not to mourn. Instead, the people were instructed to rejoice and celebrate the ancient Feast of Tabernacles, mentioned in **verses 13 through 18**. (see screen)

There were seven Jewish feasts:

- Passover
- Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Feast of First Fruits
- Feast of Weeks
- Feast of Trumpets
- Day of Atonement
- Feast of _____

The people were told to put together some booths; and then commanded to leave their homes and stay in these structures for seven days. The rationale behind that practice is that, although there are some things that we **should forget**, there are other things that we should _____. God wanted His people not to forget the experiences of their Jewish forefathers during the wilderness wanderings.

In particular, the people were to **remember** two things:

One... this particular feast helped the people to remember that there are _____ to sin.

Reference: **Numbers 13 and 14**

Divine punishment falls into two general classifications:

Definition: **Indirect punishment** is God _____ someone to suffer the inherent adverse consequences of his-her sinful actions.

Reference: **Romans 1:26 and 27**

Definition: **Direct punishment** is God _____ someone adverse consequences as a deliberate divine reaction to his-her sinful actions.

Example: Wilderness wanderings

Two... this particular feast helped the people to remember that God still _____ for His own.

References: **Psalm 34:10, 37:25; Philippians 4:19** (see screen)

The book of Luke contains three stories that illustrate three separate categories of people that relate to thankfulness:

One... those that are _____ thankful

Reference: **Luke 12:16-29** (see screen)

Two... those that are thankful in a _____ sense

Reference: **Luke 18:9-14** (see screen)

Three... those that are _____ in being thankful

Reference: **Luke 17:11-19** (see screen)