

- (3) Painfully, but necessarily, is it possible that the one who is reluctant to join in the worship opportunity is lacking in one of these? This is theoretical and we repeat again that we must not establish artificial standards of judgment. We therefore could hardly ask it of one another. But perhaps you could ask it of yourself.

2. 1 Chronicles 16:7-36

8.4

- a. The account: The ark has been brought to Jerusalem and placed in the tent provided by the King. (The temple will be built later.) A great celebration is in order...the King has provided for the people in his joy and has instituted a great choir. He will then give the hymn or psalm of worship.
- b. The worship sequence...spelled out in the passage in this way:
 - (1) Praise...the Lord's works
 - (2) ..the Lord's Person
 - (3) ..the Lord's Words
 - (4) ..the Lord's Record
 - (5) ..the Lord's attributes
 - (6) Rejoice in His place with the people...
- c. Some pointed lessons:

8.5

- (1) Repetition is not foreign to true praise.
- (2) There is no aspect of the Divine Being that does not merit our adoration.
- (3) Joining in worship quickens us in trust.

3. Nehemiah 8:1-18

8.6

- a. The account: This is the fulfillment of the aim of Ezra as given in Ezra 7:10. His fondest dream or ambition is to draw the people again to the Lord. They have come to the place where he has suitable helpers...the occasion is given...a location has been found that will serve...and the people are emotionally and socially ready for the Word.
- b. The progression:
 - (1) The Word...read and understood
 - (2) The Word...bringing forth praise and honor
 - (3) The Word...directing action of obedience