

**Church of the Valley**  
**How Great is Our God - Part 2-The Great God**  
**July 12, 2020**

**SERMON TEXT-NEHEMIAH 8:1-3; 5-6**

**1 ALL THE PEOPLE CAME TOGETHER AS ONE IN THE SQUARE BEFORE THE WATER GATE. THEY TOLD EZRA THE TEACHER OF THE LAW TO BRING OUT THE BOOK OF THE LAW OF MOSES, WHICH THE LORD HAD COMMANDED FOR ISRAEL.**

**2 SO ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH EZRA THE PRIEST BROUGHT THE LAW BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY, WHICH WAS MADE UP OF MEN AND WOMEN AND ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND. 3 HE READ IT ALOUD FROM DAYBREAK TILL NOON AS HE FACED THE SQUARE BEFORE THE WATER GATE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MEN, WOMEN AND OTHERS WHO COULD UNDERSTAND. AND ALL THE PEOPLE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO THE BOOK OF THE LAW.**

**5 EZRA OPENED THE BOOK. ALL THE PEOPLE COULD SEE HIM BECAUSE HE WAS STANDING ABOVE THEM; AND AS HE OPENED IT, THE PEOPLE ALL STOOD UP. 6 EZRA PRAISED THE LORD, THE GREAT GOD; AND ALL THE PEOPLE LIFTED THEIR HANDS AND RESPONDED, "AMEN! AMEN!" THEN THEY BOWED DOWN AND WORSHIPED THE LORD WITH THEIR FACES TO THE GROUND.**

**FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GOD OF GODS AND LORD OF LORDS, THE GREAT GOD, MIGHTY AND AWESOME, WHO SHOWS NO PARTIALITY AND ACCEPTS NO BRIBES. DEUTERONOMY 10:17**

**The importance of knowing God as the Great God:**

- 1.) IT DISTINGUISHES THE TRUE GOD FROM THE GODS OF THE LAND**  
*For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords,*
  
- 2.) IT POINTS US TO HIS DISTINGUISHING ATTRIBUTES**  
*...the great God, mighty and awesome*
  
- 3.) IT REMINDS US NO ONE CAN BUY HIS FAVOR.**

**Life Questions?**

- 1.) How are we to respond to the One true God?**

Wholehearted worship

Deep love of God and a desire to please Him. An audience of one!

- 2.) What does God command of us?**

HE DEFENDS THE CAUSE OF THE FATHERLESS AND THE WIDOW, AND LOVES THE FOREIGNER RESIDING AMONG YOU, GIVING THEM FOOD AND CLOTHING. 19 AND YOU ARE TO LOVE THOSE WHO ARE FOREIGNERS, FOR YOU YOURSELVES WERE FOREIGNERS IN EGYPT. 20 FEAR THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM. HOLD FAST TO HIM AND TAKE YOUR OATHS IN HIS NAME. 21 HE IS THE ONE YOU PRAISE; HE IS YOUR GOD, WHO PERFORMED FOR YOU THOSE GREAT AND AWESOME WONDERS YOU SAW WITH YOUR OWN EYES.

DEUTERONOMY 10:18-21

Serve. Love. Reverence. Remain. Identity. Thankful. Belong.