

## **I. Spiritual High Points of the Old Testament History**

- A. Period of the conquest (Joshua 1-7)
- B. Renewal under Samuel (1 Samuel 4-7)
- C. David bringing the Ark to Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6)
- D. Dedication of the Temple (1 Kings 8)
- E. Renewal under Asa (2 Chronicles 15)
- F. Renewal under Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 29-30)
- G. Renewal under Josiah (2 Chronicles 34-35)
- H. Revival following the rebuilding of the wall (Nehemiah 8-10)

## **II. Main Features of The Revival**

- A. The revival is a foreshadowing of the New Covenant
- B. Renewal is driven by the people not the leadership

C. Elements of the new spirit of the people

1. Desire for the Word of God
  - a) Ezra has been working for 13 years
  - b) People ask for the Law to be read
  - c) People continue to seek the Law throughout the feast
2. Determination to follow the Word of God
  - a) Saw the law concerning the Feast of Tabernacles and determined to keep it
  - b) Realized the responsibility to the priests and covenanted to fulfill that responsibility
3. Confession of sin
  - a) Brokenness of faith
  - b) Note the concern of Ezra and Nehemiah
    - (1) The joy of the Lord is your strength (Nehemiah 8:10)
4. Unity in a desire to do the will of God
5. Desire to sing the praise of God (Nehemiah 12:27)