

Amen

Text: Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, "*Amen, Amen!*" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. (Nehemiah 8:6)

Question 129: *What does that little word "Amen" express?*

Answer: "Amen" means: This shall truly and surely be! For it is much more certain that God has heard my prayer than I feel in my heart that I desire such things from Him.

Intro: the new moon

I. The Request

The public reading of Scripture

After the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." (Acts 13:15)

For Moses from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath. (Acts 15:21)

II. Ezra the Man

Scribe

Priest - Ezra 7

Teacher

III. Ezra the Teacher

audience?

how long?

from where?

with who?

respect?

response?

method?

response?

Nehemiah?

Application 1: The Close of the Heidelberg Catechism

Application 2: Our Amen

Joshua 24:14-22

Application 3: Our Amen Again

But as God is faithful, our word to you is not *yes* and *no*. For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us--by me and Silvanus and Timothy--was not *yes* and *no*, but is *yes* in Him. For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are *yes*; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. (2 Corinthians 1:18-20)

