

- 5.6 3. A brief note on some Old Testament meetings where the work of the Spirit may be observed historically.
- a. The Occasions: Observations in Nehemiah 8 and Leviticus 16.
 - b. The purpose:
 - (1) to draw the people in unison to the Lord
 - (2) to give acquiescence to the will of God.
 - (3) to give expression to the spiritual feelings of the nation
- 5.7 c. The means to this end:
- (1) The Word read and presented
 - (2) The Lord's Person and dealings set forth
 - (3) The formal pronouncements of God's goodness and the praise due Him.
- 5.8 4. Quick notes on the New Testament pattern...and a brief excursion on "themes".
- 5.9 5. Some practical guidelines for one's following of the Spirit in public participation:
- a. Remember: there is (to any meeting) an opening and a closing. Remarks, hymns, etc., should be suited to these aspects when given.
 - b. There should be care and preferment for others...although this should not slow or stop participation. Those who take part should make sure they are "hearable" taking such measures as needed to assure this.
 - c. Christ-centeredness should mark all parts of the meeting including my individual prayer, praise, etc.
 - d. In selecting hymns, etc., listen carefully to all the other participants in a meeting. Try to see that one's hymn or comments does not reverse the direction of the expression in a meeting.
- 5.10 6. And, suppose a brother errs? His selections are poor and he may even mis-speak himself. What do we do?
- (1) be careful in judgment
 - (2) be gracious in allowing for individual differences in expression.
 - (3) if needed, speak with a brother kindly and privately...