



## “AMEN”

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**NEHEMIAH 8:6 NKJV – (6)** And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. Then all the people answered, “Amen, Amen!” while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

Amen is an exclamation acknowledging the genuineness or accuracy of a statement, petition, benediction, or doxology. The word is almost always used to end a solemn statement of truth, a special word that we use whenever we say (or hear) something that is true before God.

We typically say Amen at the end of a prayer or in acknowledgement of a spoken truth. But in the Gospels, Jesus uses the word amen more than 70 times, in most cases *before* He speaks. Sometimes it is translated as, “Truly, I tell you,” or “Verily, I say to you.” He is actually saying is, “Amen, I tell you.”

No other Jewish teachers did this before Jesus’ time, because only His word was 100% true for only He spoke the very words of God. His word did not require an “Amen” after He spoke. Paul writes, “All the promises of God find their Yes in Him (Christ). That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory” (**2 Corinthians 1:20**). God has made many, many promises in the Bible—so many, it would be hard to count them all. In this passage, Paul says that for every promise from God you find, no matter what it is, the answer is always *Jesus*. For each truth we hear from the Bible, we can always say Amen for, in the back of our minds, it should always mean- “Yes! I believe this is true *because of Jesus*.” Every promise - blessing, peace, provision, comfort, forgiveness, life, and holiness - is fulfilled because of the work and person of Christ. He is the great Amen (**Revelation 3:14**).

**SCRIPTURE READING:** REVELATION 22:20

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Only those who are built up can build others up, amen?