

“The Prayer of Ezra: Responding to Great Grace”

Ezra 9:6-15

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- I. The _____ of Ezra’s Prayer.
- Fresh violation of God’s Law concerning _____ (Deuteronomy 7:2-4).
 - The consequences that previously attended covenant _____ (Deuteronomy 28).
 - History unfolds as:
 - The Northern Kingdom Falls in _____ BC (2 Kings 17).
 - Judah Falls in _____ BC (2 Kings 25).
 - _____ begins letting the Jews return to Israel as early as 537 BC (Ezra 1:1-4).
 - _____ directs Ezra to return to Israel to re-establish services in the Temple in 459 BC (Ezra 7).
 - Ezra learns of _____ between the Israelites and pagans (Ezra 9:1-4).
- II. The _____ of Ezra’s Prayer.
- Ezra _____ himself before God (v.6).

Luke 18:13
Psalm 108:4
☞ Romans 3:20-21
 - Ezra recounts and confesses Israel’s _____ (vv.7-9).
 - The sins of others _____ us all.
 - Even in exile, God is _____ to Israel (Hebrews 12:5-11).

c. Ezra compares _____ to their conduct (vv.10-12).

Deuteronomy 7:1-6

Leviticus 18:24-26

☞ Romans 3:19

d. Ezra admonishes _____ (vv.13-14).

Job 11:6

☞ Proverbs 26:11!

e. Ezra acknowledges God's _____ (v.15).

Isaiah 6:1-5

Ephesians 1:7-8

"O God,

*Though I am allowed to approach Thee,
I am not unmindful of my sins,
I do not deny my guilt,
I confess my wickedness, and earnestly plead forgiveness.*

*My trials have been fewer than my sins,
And when I have kissed the rod,
It has fallen from Thy hands.*

*Thou hast wiped away my tears,
Restored peace to my mourning heart,
Chastened me for my profit.*

All Thy work for me is perfect, and I praise Thee."

III. The _____ of Ezra's Prayer.

a. Seek _____ after God (Psalm 63:1).

b. Leave _____ behind (Romans 6).

c. Sell it all to obtain the _____ (Matthew 13:44).

d. Yield all things to the _____ of God (I Corinthians 10:31).

"Excellence in all things and all things to God's Glory"