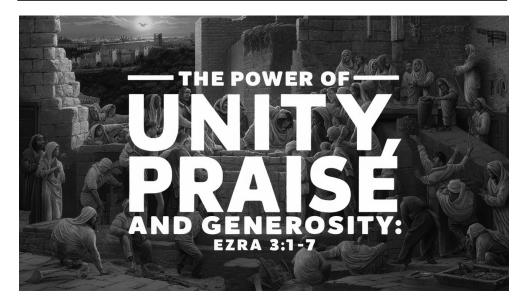
The Power of Unity, Praise, and Generosity

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Observations from Ezra 3:1-7

What can we observe happening from these verses?

The Altar:

- Exodus 27:1-8: How to build the altar
- Leviticus 9:24: The altar was used for burnt offerings.

Verse 1-2

- The people of God gathered as one.
 They were united under the leadership of Jeshua and Zerubbabel.
- Reference Verses: Acts 4:32, Ephesians 4:3, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Verse 3

- The people of God were afraid of the "peoples of the lands"
- Reference Verses: Joshua 1:9, Psalm 27:1, Isaiah 41:10

Verses 4-5

- They celebrated the Feast of Booths, started doing burnt offerings, free will offerings and celebrations regularly.
- Reference Verses: Leviticus 22:33-42, Psalm 95:6, Hebrews 10:25

Verse 6-7

- Consistency in their burnt offerings.

 They built the alter first, and were ready to lay the foundation of the temple. They paid their workers from the grant from Cyrus"
- Reference Verses: Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Peter 4:10

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Three Key Lessons from Ezra 3:1-7
There are three lessons that we can draw from these verses:

Step Out Boldly in Action

- The people of God stepped out boldly to rebuild the altar despite fear of others. We too should step out boldly and inspire action for the glory of God.
- Reference Verses: Joshua 1:9, Hebrews 11:1. James 2:17

A Unified, Community Effort

• The people of God united to rebuild the altar. Unity in Christ and in doing God's work is powerful and necessary for accomplishing His will.

• Reference Verses: Acts 4:32, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, Ephesians 4:3

Commitment to God's Word

- The people of God were committed to the Law and building the altar. We are to be committed to God's word and build up the church.
- Reference Verses: : Joshua 1:8, Psalm 119:105, James 1:22

Application: (Ask yourself)

- What can I do with this information?
- How can I apply this?
- What are the actionable steps that I can take?

Prioritize Worshiping the Lord

- Make worshipping the Lord a priority in your life. Worship the Lord personally and corporately.
- Reference Verses: Matthew 18:20. Psalm 95:6. Hebrews 10:25

Face Our Fears with Faith in Christ

- When we are afraid of what others may say or do, may we draw closer to God and trust in Him
- Reference Verses: Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 56:3, John 14:27

Build and Strengthen Church Community

• Become an active member of your

- church community, encouraging and supporting fellow believers.
- Reference Verses: Galatians 6:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Romans 12:16

Make a Commitment to the Word of

- · Commit to reading, studying, and applying the living word to your daily life.
- Reference Verses: 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 3:16. Psalm 1:2-3

Commit to Doing Good in the Name of Christ

- · Be encouraged to engage the church and community through service and sharing in your faith.
- Reference Verses: Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Peter 4:10. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Praise the Lord for His Faithfulness with Gratitude and Thankfulness

- Never stop praising and worshipping the Lord. God is faithful! He never changes. Be thankful. Be grateful.
- Reference Verses: 1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18, Psalm 106:1, Colossians 3:17

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