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Topic: A Study of Ezra: What is Worship to You?

Scripture text: Ezra 3

1. The worship of God is a privilege given to only believers. Thus, worshipping God must be the highest priority in a Christian's life. The children of Israel placed the highest priority in restoring the Temple of God before rebuilding the foundations of the city.
2. The worship of God is coming before His Holy presence, hence we must approach Him with clean hands and pure hearts. The burnt offering represents the atonement of Christ. We can only come before God through the imputed righteousness of Christ. When we gather to worship God, let us do so as a united body of Christ with sins confessed and hearts prepared.
3. The worship of God must be done in God's way, as recorded in God's Word. For worship to be acceptable unto God, Christ must be glorified and His Word magnified. Our manner of worship must be most joyous and willing, yet with reverential fear for no man can worship God if not for His goodness and mercies towards us.
4. The worship of God is a daily activity, all the days of our lives. The worship of God is not constrained to the Lord's Day. As believers, we are to worship God by offering our bodies unto Him as a living sacrifice and live a consecrated life. Knowing that the worship of God will continue for eternity in Heaven, let us grow in our love for worship!