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**Topic: A Study of Ezra: No Lack in God's Work**

Scripture text: Ezra 1:5-11

1. It was God's directive will for the children of Israel to return to Jerusalem to rebuild His Temple. There will be no lack in God's work because His will must be fulfilled. God's plans will not be frustrated.
2. There will be no lack in God's work because He will provide the right labourers. God provided the Levites and priests for the spiritual rebuilding of the nation of Israel. God provided men who were familiar with the Jerusalem territory to aid in the physical rebuilding of the Temple. Likewise, if God has opened a door, He will provide the right men with the necessary spiritual gifts to serve Him in the Church.
3. Knowing that there will be no lack in God's work, we must not be apathetic. Instead, we must continue to labour in prayer. Have you been praying with and for the Church? Let us gather to pray corporately for God's provision of godly and able men and their readiness to submit to His calling.
4. There will be no lack in God's work because God is the Provider of all our spiritual and physical needs. God's cooperative will was in action when He provided the materials for the Temple rebuilding and the vessels for sacrificial worship. When there is a need, we ought to distribute freely for the furtherance of God's work. When we abide in God's will, He will be faithful to provide for all our needs.