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Topic: A Study of Ezra: A Ready Servant

Scripture text: Ezra 7:1-10

1. It is the privilege of God's people to serve Him. It is our reasonable service to serve our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, because He redeemed us from sin, death and hell. We can only be ready servants when God chooses and prepares us.
2. Ezra was a ready scribe (v6) prepared by God from his birth. He was from the lineage of Aaron, which was the legitimate priestly line (v1-5). The duty of a scribe was to expound God's laws to the people. Ezra was raised by God to teach the Jews God's Word to be an effective witness for God once again. Likewise, wherever God has called us to serve Him, He will and is preparing us.
3. Ezra was a ready servant because he was ready to learn, obey and teach God's Word (v10). He purposed in his heart to diligently study God's Word so as to be an effective teacher and witness for God. Likewise, we must study God's Word to serve Him in a pleasing manner and be a doer of the Word.
4. Ezra was a ready servant because he was prepared for the work. He was prepared to teach God's law at all times and his heart and mind were fully devoted to the task. Likewise, we must be dedicated servants of God and be instant in season and out of season. Let us suffer for Christ, submit to His will and serve Him readily for the glory of God alone.