

The Heart of Worship (2)

Ezr 3:1–5

And when the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.

Ezra 3:1–5

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Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brethren, arose and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as *it is* written in the Law of Moses the man of God.

Ezra 3:1–5

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Though fear *had come* upon them because of the people of those countries, they set the altar on its bases; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the Lord, *both* the morning and evening burnt offerings.

Ezra 3:1–5

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They also kept the Feast of Tabernacles,
as it is written, and offered the daily
burnt offerings in the number required
by ordinance for each day.

Ezra 3:1–5

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Afterwards *they offered* the regular burnt offering, and *those* for New Moons and for all the appointed feasts of the Lord that were consecrated, and *those* of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to the Lord.

Ezra 3:1–5

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Humble yourselves in
the sight of the Lord,
and He will lift you up.

James 4:10

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I. The Foundation of Worship

A. It is established

For no other foundation
can anyone lay than that
which is laid, which is
Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11

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B. It is *steadfast*

For no other foundation
can anyone lay than that
which is laid, which is
Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11

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II. The Focus in Worship

He must increase,
but I *must* decrease.

John 3:30

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A. It is not outward

B. It is upward

III. The Fee to worship

Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

2 Samuel 24:24

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A. It must be freely given to God.

B. It must be costly to the giver.

'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: *I am* the Lord your God.' "

Leviticus 23:22

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