

## The Work of Building the Temple (*Ezra 1-6*)

**What lessons can we learn from how God led Ezra and the people of Israel to rebuild the temple?**

(1:1) God moves supernaturally to fulfill His Word, so we need to only be dependent on Him, not on man

(2:68-69) the temple is built by the cheerful gifts of those who believe in the work

(3:2-3) if you fear God and obey His commandments exactly, you need fear nothing else (*Isaiah 8:13 TLB*)

(3:9) God begins His work by establishing unity among the workers

(3:11) God wants us to praise Him through each step of our service to Him

(3:12-13) God uses those who have a burden for His kingdom

(4:1-2) the Devil will try to hinder the work of God initially by infiltration

(4:4-5) the Devil will then try to hinder the work of God by intimidation

(4:6) the Devil will finally try to hinder the work of God by accusation

(5:1-2) the spirit of prophecy edifies, exhorts and consoles God's people to continue His work

(5:11) we are the servants of the God of heaven and earth