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Sunday service

What God Desires

Ezra 6:1-12

Last week's message was entitled Oneness. The content was about how to become one with God's heart and thought. When this takes place then there will absolutely be an answer like Matthew 6:33, but because this a spiritual matter, it's within God's hands and His time schedule. This is one of the most fundamental conditions of living a biblical life. Even if you have been saved, if your thoughts and heart do not connect with God your life has no choice but to go separate ways. Naturally, you will become centered on people. We must listen to people's words and realize God's word. In this way, you must transcend the level of humans, destroy the prince of the power of the air who has taken over the blessing of the throne, and reach a position where you have conquest over the universe. God already told you what you must live your life heading towards. You must never yield when it comes to this. If a person has not opened their spiritual eyes and is within an environment where Satan is at work it will hinder this work. If you shake because of these things, ultimately that person will perish and also you will perish. God will also never yield for this work. Therefore, when you meet the one who truly connects with God's heart and will. If you meet that person you must stake your life and go together with them lifelong. However, no matter how close you may be with that person when it comes to God's work if they do not have the spiritual eyes to understand God, ultimately, you have no choice but to distance yourself from that person. This is the reason why Apostle Paul and Barnabas had to go their separate ways. I bless you so that you may become one within God's desire.

1. What God desires

- 1) There is authority in what God desires. Great answers will come to those who do this and God will prepare you to carry out such historical works. God grants an authority that no one else can touch on this work. Anyone who does this work will be able to enjoy this authority for the rest of their lives.
- 2) You will come to realize that you have been called to receive the answer of uniqueness and save others and this age. You will be able to see biblical evidence based on your personal time schedule and God's plan for you. This is the best life and the most happy masterpiece of your life.
- 3) Today's bible passage records the return of a group of people who had been taken captive to Babylon, who were impressed with the construction of the temple and rebuilt it under Zerubbabel. The older chiefs, who had seen the first temple, now saw the foundation of this temple being laid, and they wept greatly. (Ezra 3:2) When Northern Israel was destroyed, and all the men were taken away, there were men of Assyria living in its place instead of Israel. They came and asked that they might be allowed to help build the temple. (Ezra 4:2)
- 4) They state that they served God, but how could they serve God without having even one book of the law? Although they stated that they served God, it was religious and it is so clear that they followed the ways of idol worship in their own nation. This is why Zerubbabel and the chiefs said, "You have nothing to do with us...", and they refused.
- 5) They sent a letter to the king of Persia accusing him of this and bribed officials until King Darius was crowned, which halted the construction of the temple for about 20 years.
- 6) While this was going on, God's prophets, such as Haggai and Zechariah, appeared and spoke the word and gave strength to those who had stopped. (Zech 5:1)
- 7) Then Zerubbabel and others gained strength and began to rebuild the temple again (Ezra 5:2), and when the Persian governors and other officials came and asked who told them to continue building the temple, Zerubbabel and others told them the history from the time of King Cyrus, and these governors wrote to King Darius. King Darius found the documents written by King Cyrus and made the decree as recorded in today's bible passage.
- 8) However, the content of the decree by King Darius, written in today's bible passage, is tremendous. It was not unheard of for a king of an occupied country to have a temple of his nation built on their own revenue.

- 9) The expenses were to be paid by the royal treasury, and the governors and officials were to stay away from that place so that they would not hinder the work on the temple. Of the taxes collected, they were to give these men a constant supply of money for their expenses so that they would not stop.
- 10) And what they needed, he gave them day by day, as the priests of Jerusalem required, that they might offer a fragrant sacrifice to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king and the princes. “Also I make a decree that if anyone alters this edict, a beam shall be pulled out of his house, and he shall be impaled on it, and his house shall be made a dunghill...I Darius make a decree; let it be done with all diligence.” (Verse 4-12)
- 11) Nothing like this has ever happened in the history of the world. Every occupied country created its own god and made the kings and people of every occupied country bow to that god. However, King Cyrus and King Darius instead ordered them to quickly restore the temple of the country they had conquered with their nation’s money.
- 12) This is an amazing work, but the question is, how can you also enjoy such amazing answers? May today be the day where you prepare for this amazing blessing to come.

2. Oneness

- 1) There is authority contained in the work that God desires. Ezra 6:11 “Also I make a decree that if anyone alters this edict, a beam shall be pulled out of his house, and he shall be impaled on it, and his house shall be made a dunghill.” Ezra 6:8 “The cost is to be paid to these men in full and without delay from the royal revenue.” It was a tremendous work of God.
- 2) If you have oneness with God in your thoughts and heart, you will enjoy the answers and authority. You will receive answers that take place and Biblical answers. Then, you will naturally have oneness with people.
- 3) If you have oneness with God in your thoughts and heart, you will live the life to save and relay the message that will lead many. You need to receive this oneness to which all will follow you.
- 4) For you to live a grand life, you must connect with God’s desire. We are the church of God that has been called to rewrite the spiritual history of America and Latin America. Apostle Paul who led the spiritual history of that time became the main figure to move the world history as well. There were no renowned figures like the Apostle Paul at that time.
- 5) He was the first figure who greatly enjoyed Jesus Christ and understood God’s desire. That was why his life was always greatly used by God. He was the first to be used for world missions and to fulfill God’s evangelism in the fields. He overturned the age through the Gospel movement and raised a new culture. The new culture Paul raised was Christianity which has great influence throughout the world in the present time as well.
- 6) All great figures have passed but their legacy does not continue like Apostle Paul. He was not used for the cultural movement. All he did was to raise the Gospel movement in the fields. He knew Jesus Christ, enjoyed the covenant, and held to God’s desire as his covenant as he prayed. Through that, it brought tremendous results throughout the world.
- 7) You must do the same as well. The answer has been given and no new answer is needed. The answer given in the past is the answer for the future and eternity. It is God’s given answer, so there is no limit. May the grace be upon you for your spiritual eyes to open and transcend everyone.