

Scripture to read: Ezra 3:1-3**To worship the Lord and praising him in the beginning of everything**

In early autumn, when the Israelites had settled in their towns, all the people assembled in Jerusalem with a unified purpose. Then Jeshua the priest and Zerubbabel the leader started to rebuild the altar of the God of Israel. They sacrificed burnt offerings on it, as instructed in the Law of Moses. They celebrated the Festival of Shelters as prescribed in the Law, sacrificing the number of burnt offerings specified for each day of the festival. They appointed priests and Levites to start off with the work in the temple. With praise and thanks, they sang this song to the LORD: "He is so good! His faithful love for Israel endures forever!" Then all the people gave a great shout, praising the LORD because the foundation of the LORD's Temple had been laid. But many of the older priests, Levites, and other leaders who had seen the first Temple wept aloud when they saw the new Temple's foundation. The others, however, were shouting for joy.

Question:

It would have been good, if the people would have praised God and offered sacrifices after rebuilding the temple!

Answer:

One of the names that our Lord God has among many name is, "God who dwells in the praises of his people". God has instructed in the Law of Moses, that in any work that we do for the Lord, it has to be done with thanksgiving and with a sacrifice of praise. Jeshua the priest and Zerubbabel who was much aware of the things of God started off with the rebuilding of the Temple in the same manner. It is always good to start the work of the Lord in his presence and in the way that God has instructed us to do. In the days of David, they used the wisdom of the world in bringing the Ark of the Covenant and caused the death of Uzzah." Keeping this incident in mind, everyone was much cautious in following every instructions of the Lord. Dear brother and sister, even in your life, when you commit your ways

to the Lord and worship him in everything you do. You will see a greater joy and victory in every area.

Will you hold on to the same?

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. Psalms 22:03

Prayer

Heavenly father, you alone are worthy of our praise Lord. Help us lead a life as per your expectation

Lord. Whatever we do, help us to pray and seek you first. Amen