

Glimpsing God's incomparable goodness

Ezra 6

- I. King Darius authorized the Jews to continue rebuilding the temple (Ezra 6:1-12).
 - A. Darius found King Cyrus' decree authorizing and funding the project (6:1-5).
 - B. Darius decreed Tattenai must support and supply remaining costs for the temple (6:6-10).
 - C. Darius said anyone hindering the project would be executed and his house destroyed (6:11-12).
 - ***God delights to bless those who delight Him.***

- II. Responding to God's goodness with obedience: The Jews finished (Ezra 6:13-15).
 - A. Tattenai made sure the Jews had the freedom and resources to rebuild (6:13).
 - B. Encouraged by prophets, the Jews completed the temple in 4 years (6:14-15).
 - ***God controls the timing of His will as we obey His will.***

- III. Responding to God's goodness with joyful praise: The Jews celebrated (Ezra 6:19-22).
 - A. Joyful and sacrificial worship at the dedication (6:16-18)
 - B. Joyful and holy worship at the Feasts (6:19-22)
 - ***God is glorified as we praise His goodness with joy He gives us!***