

Ordained to Teach

Ezra 7:1–28

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Introduction

- I. The Importance of Family (7:1–6)
 1. Ezra's lineage went all the way back to _____ (1–5).
 2. Ezra's vocation was as a _____ of God's law (6a).
 3. Ezra's blessing came from the _____ upon him (6b).
- II. The Impact of Obedience (7:7–10)
 1. Ezra traveled to _____ (7–9).
 2. Ezra was _____ by God's hand upon him (9).
 3. Ezra determined to study, _____, and teach God's law (10).
- III. The Implementation of a Royal Decree (7:11–26)
 1. Ezra carried Artaxerxes' _____ (11–24).
 2. Ezra was _____ to teach God's law (25–26).
- IV. The Imperative of Divine Blessing (7:27–28)
 1. Ezra praised the _____, the God of Israel (27).
 2. Ezra received the LORD's _____ (28a).
 3. Ezra had the courage to lead _____ (28b).

Implications

1. A godly family produces God's servants.
2. By "the good hand of God" we can do His will.
3. Obedience to God's Word takes place best in the company of God's people.
4. The man of God's choosing leads and trains leaders.