



# 1/3/21 Sermon Notes

## “The Hand of God on Your Life”

Ezra 7:1-10

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**Ezra 7:1-10 (CSB)** - <sup>1</sup> After these events, during the reign of King Artaxerxes of Persia, Ezra – Seraiah’s son, Azariah’s son, Hilkiah’s son, <sup>2</sup> Shallum’s son, Zadok’s son, Ahitub’s son, <sup>3</sup> Amariah’s son, Azariah’s son, Meraioth’s son, <sup>4</sup> Zerariah’s son, Uzzi’s son, Bukki’s son, <sup>5</sup> Abishua’s son, Phinehas’s son, Eleazar’s son, the chief priest Aaron’s son <sup>6</sup> –came up from Babylon. He was a scribe skilled in the law of Moses, which the LORD, the God of Israel, had given. The king had granted him everything he requested because the hand of the LORD his God was on him. <sup>7</sup> Some of the Israelites, priests, Levites, singers, gatekeepers, and temple servants accompanied him to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes. <sup>8</sup> Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, during the seventh year of the king. <sup>9</sup> He began the journey from Babylon on the first day of the first month and arrived in Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month since the gracious hand of his God was on him. <sup>10</sup> Now Ezra had determined in his heart to study the law of the LORD, obey it, and teach its statutes and ordinances in Israel.

### *Is the hand of God on your life?*

God shows us that there is something very unique about Ezra...

*The hand of God was upon him.*

*How do we get the hand of God on our lives?*

**Ezra committed with his very soul to do three things:**

1 - He learned the Word    2 - He lived the Word    3 - He passed on the Word

**Ezra learned the Word** - He wants with his whole being *to know God* .

**Ezra lived the Word** - Don't study it if you have zero intention *to obey it*.

**Ezra passed on the Word** - Teaching in the Bible is always for the purpose of *transformation* not *information*

**If you want to have the hand of God on your life:**

Study - *Learn God's Word*    Obey - *Live God's Word*    Teach - *Pass along God's Word*

#### **Ezra 7:27-28**

<sup>27</sup> Blessed be the LORD, the God of our ancestors, who has put it into the king’s mind to glorify the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, <sup>28</sup> and who has shown favor to me before the king, his counselors, and all his powerful officers. So I took courage because I was strengthened by the hand of the LORD my God, and I gathered Israelite leaders to return with me.

**Make this your ambition in all of life: LEARN IT • LIVE IT • PASS IT ON**

Doing so will make a you a person who *Loves God, Loves Others, and Serves the World*

*The hand of God will be upon your life*