

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

**WORSHIP FOLLOWING THE EXILE**

- 1. The Corruption of Worship: Idolatry, then and now; Abominations under Manasseh**
- 2. The Reformation of Worship: (Rehoboam, Jehoiada/Joash, Hezekiah, Josiah)**
- 3. Divine Discipline on Corrupt Worship**
- 4. Restoration and Return: Ezra, Nehemiah, and the focus on Scripture**
- 5. Conclusion:  
The Rise of the Synagogue  
Legalism Destroys Worship**

# **Characteristics of Biblical Worship**

- 1. Substitutionary blood sacrifice.**
- 2. Proclamation of who God is and what He has done.**
- 3. The necessity of cleansing from sin in terms of justification and then ongoing sanctification.**
- 4. Organization and training for those leading the worship.**
- 5. The focus on the Scripture.**

**Ex. 20:3, “You shall have no other gods  
before Me.”**

**Deut. 6:5, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”**

**Jer. 25:11, “ ‘And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.**

**Jer. 25:12, “ ‘Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,’ says the Lord; ‘and I will make it a perpetual desolation.’ ”**

**Ezek. 33:30**, “As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses; and they speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, ‘Please come and hear what the word is that comes from the Lord.’”

**Ezek. 33:31**, “So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain.”



**Ezek. 33:32, “Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them.”**

**Ezek. 20:12, “Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctifies them.”**

**Psa. 126:1**, “When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**Psa. 126:2**, “Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’

**Psa. 126:3**, “The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.

**Psa. 126:4**, “Bring back our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the South.

**Psa. 126:5**, “Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.”

**Ezra 3:10, “When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel.**

**Ezra 3:11, “And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord: ‘For He is good, for His mercy endures forever toward Israel.’ Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.”**

**Ezra 3:12, “But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers’ houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy,**

**Ezra 3:13, “so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.”**

**Ezra 6:17, “And they offered sacrifices at the dedication of this house of God, one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.”**

**Ezra 6:20, “For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves; all of them were ritually clean. And they slaughtered the Passover lambs for all the descendants of the captivity, for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.**

**Ezra 6:21, “Then the children of Israel who had returned from the captivity ate together with all who had separated themselves from the filth of the nations of the land in order to seek the Lord God of Israel.”**

**Ezra 7:10, “For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.”**



**Mal. 2:7, “ ‘For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.**

**Mal. 2:8, “ ‘But you have departed from the way; You have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi,’ says the Lord of hosts.”**

**Ezra 9:5, “At the evening sacrifice I arose from my fasting; and having torn my garment and my robe, I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to the Lord my God.**

**Ezra 9:6, “And I said: ‘O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens.**

**Ezra 9:7, “ ‘Since the days of our fathers to this day we have been very guilty, and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation, as it is this day.’ ”**

**Ezra 10:3, “ ‘Now therefore, let us make a covenant with our God to put away all these wives and those who have been born to them, according to the advice of my master and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.**

**Ezra 10:4, “ ‘Arise, for this matter is your responsibility. We also are with you. Be of good courage, and do it.’**

**Ezra 10:5, “Then Ezra arose, and made the leaders of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel swear an oath that they would do according to this word. So they swore an oath.”**

**Neh. 8:2, “So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who could hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month.**

**Neh. 8:3, “Then he read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.”**

**Matt. 15:2, “Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.”**

**Gal. 1:14, “And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.”**