

Text: Ezra 3:1-13  
Topics: Sacrifices, Worship  
Series: Courage to Trust God's Promises

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## Trembling Worship

### I. The Altar is Rebuilt (3:1-7)

*Coming together to build... (1-2)*

*Conducting the offerings... (3-6a)*

*Contracting further construction... (6b-7)*

Worship God in the way He prescribed!

### II. The Foundation is Rebuilt (3:8-13)

*Construction... (8-9)*

*Celebration... (10-11)*

*Confliction... (12-13)*

New Testament application:

Congregational worship is still God's prescription.

Sacrifice for sin is still God's prescription,  
and it is now Christ.

Self-surrender is still God's prescription.

*How important is worship in my life?*

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. On a scale of 1-10, how essential to you is worshiping God with a congregation each week? What does that look like when you are away from home, the weather is lousy for travel (or super nice), you don't feel well, etc?

2. Read Exodus 20:4-6, the second of the 10 commandments. Write the commandment briefly in your own words.

Why was this so important? Does it apply to us today? Explain.

3. Read Deuteronomy 27:1-8. What were the Israelites commanded to do when they entered their Promised Land? See also Joshua 8:30-32. Why would this have been imperative?

4. Read Deuteronomy 8:11-20. What significant reason(s) for regular worship was given to the Israelites before they entered the Promised Land?

How might a church fall into the same trap warned about in this passage?  
How might you fall into the same trap warned about in this passage?

5. Read Hebrews 10:1-18. What could animal sacrifices never do? What has the offering of the body of Jesus done?

What response would be expected from those who've received the results of Jesus' sacrifice? For how long would a response be expected?

After thinking about and answering these questions, read further in Hebrews 10, & Hebrews 13:15-16. What responses would be expected from people?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?