

GOD'S GOOD HAND

SERVING UNDER SOVEREIGNTY

Reconciliation with God

Ezra 9:1-10:44

February 22, 2026

Fast Facts

1. King Cyrus of Persia allowed _____ exiled in Babylon to return to Jerusalem around 538-537 B.C.
2. Jews (about 50,000) traveled back to Jerusalem (and surrounding areas) and rebuilt the altar and _____.
3. Ezra, a Jewish _____ and scribe skilled in the Law of Moses, departed from Babylon and arrived in Jerusalem in 458 B.C. (along with several thousand Jews).
4. Ezra discovered intermarriage among God's people and leads them to _____ with Him.
5. God provided and protected _____ of Abraham and David so that Jesus, the Messiah, would come to earth (less than 500 years later) according to the covenants and Scripture.

Sovereign Truth: Turning away from sin and to God (Jesus) is the only remedy for sin.

I. The _____ of Sin

A. _____ - Jews married non-Jews guilty of idolatry.

1. The sin was _____ among the Jews, not rare.
2. The sin was _____ among the Jews, not private.
3. The sin was _____ among the Jews, not temporary.

B. _____ - Ezra knew intermarriage broke faith with God.

Takeaway: Recognizing our sin and the sin of people around us is _____ for right beliefs and behavior.

II. The _____ to Sin

A. _____ - Ezra tore his garment and robe, pulled hair from his head and beard, and sat down appalled.

B. _____ - God-fearing people gathered together in responding to abominations.

C. _____ and Contamination - Ezra agreed with God about the sin and acknowledged that he was part of the guilty people.

D. _____ - Ezra led God's people to take oaths before Him.

E. _____ - Ezra led God's people to separate themselves from sin.

1. The spiritual leader _____ other leaders to commit in obeying God.
2. The spiritual leader fasts and _____ over unfaithfulness among God's people.
3. The spiritual leader _____ God's people to give instructions.
4. The spiritual leader _____ consequences of disobedience.
5. The spiritual leader _____ God's people to follow through with their commitment.

Takeaway: Take wise and _____ steps to turn away and stay away from sin.

III. The _____ about Sin

A. _____ - God's steadfast love failed to persuade His people for loving obedience.

B. _____ - God's mercy failed to persuade His people for loving obedience.

C. _____ - God's wrath failed to persuade His people for loving obedience.

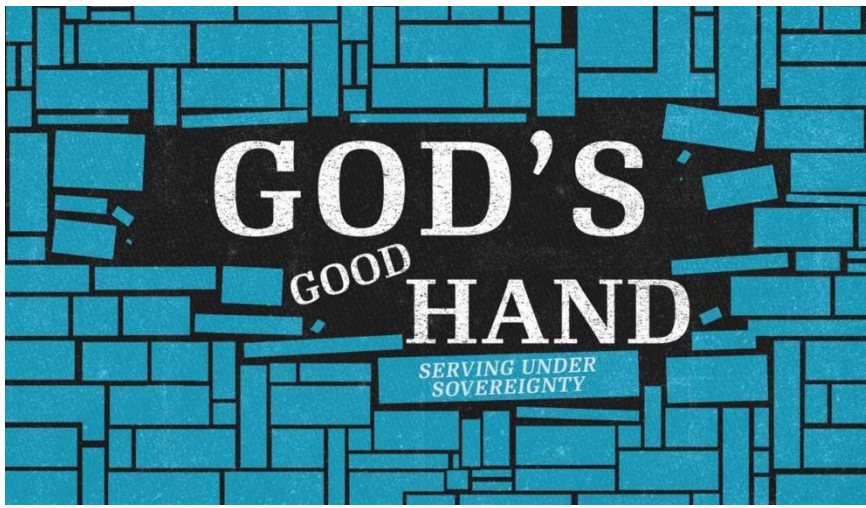
Takeaway: We should reflect on the _____ of God and the _____ of God when responding to our sin.

IV. The _____ for Sin

A. _____ - Agree with God about your sin and ask for His forgiveness.

B. _____ - Take practical steps to avoid sin, the appearance of sin, the influence of sin, and temptations to sin.

Takeaway: Jesus is the only remedy for our sin, so _____ and _____ in Him.



WORSHIP GATHERING

"Psalm 150"

PRAYER & WELCOME

"Christ Our Treasure"

"Turn Your Eyes"

PRAYER

"Grace"

MESSAGE

PRAYER AND COMMITMENT

CLOSING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is encouraged to attend **Bibliology Basics: The Formation of Scripture** (doctrinal study) led by Daniel Bray today from 4:15-6:30 p.m. in Boatner Hall. Where did we get the Bible? In this in-depth study, we will walk step-by-step through the formation of Scripture—from the original texts of the Old Testament to the development of our modern English translations. Learn about authorship, canon, manuscripts, and translation, and gain a deeper understanding and confidence in God's Word. For all ages. Childcare will be provided for birth-K5.

Thoughts about **Fasting**: Last Sunday, we were encouraged to consider fasting from something for any length of time between Monday, Feb. 16 and Wednesday, Feb. 25. This may involve skipping a meal for a day or two, going without certain foods or drinks or limiting participation in a regular activity. With widespread participation, many in our church family will be humbling themselves, praying, and fasting part or all of these ten days. As we fast, let us draw near to God, using the time set aside to praise Him, confess sin, read Scripture, cast our cares upon Him, and seek His help for ourselves, our families, our church, and our capital campaign/campus expansion. Let us humbly anticipate that God will hear and answer our prayers. If you choose to fast from food during this emphasis, please make wise and informed decisions regarding things like health and medications.

The **Wednesday evening church-wide fellowship meal** menu for next week is Pizza Hut pizza, salad, & dessert. Meals are served in Boatner Hall from 4:45-5:45 p.m. The meals are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$25 family max. Scan the QR code or sign up at the Welcome Center by Monday at 9:00 a.m.



All ladies are invited to **Galentine's Night** Friday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. in Boatner Hall. Bring something sweet/savory/salty to share with the group. Scan the QR code or sign up at the Welcome Center.



Come support the **PPCA drama** students as they present "*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*" Thursday & Friday, February 26-27 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Palm Sunday: Night of Worship rehearsals are Sunday, March 1, 15, and 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Dress rehearsal is Friday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. Childcare is provided.

We need your help! Paid childcare workers are needed for Wednesday and Sunday evenings and special events. Call Korbi McQueary (601-454-0066) for more information.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT 2/15/26

Weekly Budget Receipts	\$41,767
Weekly Budget Required	\$35,629
Giving over (under) budget	\$6,138
Global Impact	\$346
Construction & Renovation	\$1,000
Other	\$9,920
Total Received	\$53,033

YTD Budget Needed	\$249,400
YTD Budget Received	\$220,850

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

If you are interested in learning about becoming a member of Park Place or ready to request church membership, please call the church office, submit a blue membership request card (give to a staff member or place in a giving box in the sanctuary), or contact a church staff member. One of our staff members will be glad to meet with you to get to know you and to discuss "Membership Matters." Glory to God for the way He continues to add to the Park Place family!



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