

EZRA'S HEART.

AM 7/17/2022

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Read the text: Ezra 7:10.**
- B. Regarding the text:**
 - 1. The value of Old Testament examples (**Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11**).
 - 2. Judah's return from Babylon.
 - 3. Let us observe Ezra's heart and develop the same kind of heart.

I. A PREPARED HEART.

- A. Soil must be prepared before planting.**
- B. It is importance to prepare the heart (James 1:21; 1 Cor. 3:1-3).**
 - 1. To learn (**6**).
 - 2. To teach (**7-8**).
 - 3. To worship and serve (**9**).
 - 4. To wait for Christ's return (**10**).

II. A SEEKING HEART.

- A. Determined to seek God's Law.**
- B. Seekers are rewarded (Heb. 11:6; Matt. 7:7).**
 - 1. Cornelius (**Acts 10:33**).
 - 2. The Ethiopian (**Acts 8:26-38**).
 - 3. The Bereans (**Acts 17:11-12**).
- C. Some will not love and will not seek truth (2 Thess. 2:10; Pro. 8:17).**

III. AN OBEYING HEART.

- A. Obedience from heart (Rom. 6:17-18).**
- B. Importance of obedience.**
 - 1. **1 Sam. 5:22**.
 - 2. **Heb. 5:8-9**.
 - 3. **1 Pet. 1:22**.
- C. Complete obedience (Matt. 28:20).**

IV. A HEART READY TO TEACH.

- A. 2 Tim. 2:2.**
- B. Prepare ourselves to teach (Heb. 5:12).**
 - 1. Speak to a friend.
 - 2. Pass out literature.
- C. Compassion for lost souls will move us to teach.**

V. CONCLUSION:

- A. Is your heart prepared to seek, obey and teach?**
- B. Why not obey from the heart today?**