

## **He Is Good, for His Mercy Endures Forever Toward Israel**

Ezra 3:8-13

They walked out of one difficult situation into another – 70 years of captivity, and into another situation, that had its own challenges. What did they do? First they rebuilt the altar in order to deal with their sin. Then they rebuilt a place of worship. They rebuilt according to biblical guidelines. They rebuilt with joy and an eye on the everlasting goodness of God. This story is for anyone who wants to learn how you get from a broken down point a to point b and how you navigate the journey.

I. They built the temple in a wise and orderly way, v8-9

II. They sang a wonderful life giving song while they worked, v10-11

III. There were sounds of both joy and weeping, v12-13