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*Returning*  
**Home**

THE BOOK OF EZRA

# Returning Home

## PART 1: THE RETURN

**Children of Israel lost their connection with God.**

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying, 2 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the Lord God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. 3 Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel (He is God), which is in Jerusalem. -Ezra 1:1-3

**What is Home? Reconnecting with God**

God will do everything He can to return us Home!

**We must realize that God is ever present  
and in control**

*"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28*

Who will Respond? *Who is among you of all His people? Ezra 1:3*

Prayer, God move my heart right now!

## Is my Name there? \_\_\_\_\_

According to their ability, they gave to the treasury for the work sixty-one thousand gold drachmas, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly garments. Ezra 2:69

Let us not slacken our resolve nor be without hope, for with every breath that we take our Lord Jesus Christ gives us opportunity for repentance. - St Macarius the Great

Take your next step!

Your job is to work upon yourself, for this you were chosen; the rest is in the hands of God. - St Theophan the Recluse

## What is my small step back home?

- Commitment to go to confession?
- Commitment to daily Prayer?
- Commitment to daily scripture?
- Commitment to finally serve Him?
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Come, and let us RETURN to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. Hosea 6:1

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