

SERMON REFLECTIONS

(Re)Building the Altar to God With Offerings and Praises

Ezra 3:1-6 | 18 January 2026 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. Read Ezra 3. Why was rebuilding the **altar** the first priority before rebuilding the **temple**? What are the spiritual meanings for the **altar** and the **temple** for us Christians today? What lessons can we learn from Ezra 3 regarding the (re)building of our spiritual altar and temple?
2. Why is it significant that the people acted “in accordance with what is written in the Law of Moses the man of God”? What role does Scripture play in shaping your decisions, choices, habits, prayers and worship?
3. Ezra and the people of God worshipped in the midst of fear, before everything was fully restored. Have you experienced or known of Christians who worshipped during difficult situations while not understanding why these things were happening? Why did they still worship the Lord?
4. Many offerings are mentioned in Ezra 3. What are their significance for us today? How can we apply the giving of offerings to our own lives? Talk about the different kinds of offerings that one can give to God.
5. Why do many Christians hold back from giving offerings (in different forms) to the Lord? How can they be encouraged to do so, since this is an important part of a Christian’s worship to God. Can DGs help to encourage faith in every member? E.g. have a combined project (act of faith), combined fund, or missions trip.
6. Parents, are there ways you can encourage your children to worship God through the faithful giving of offerings (in its various forms)?

Our Vision

To be disciples of Jesus Christ

Our Mission

To make disciples who love God, love one another and love the lost

