

Sunday, October 25, 2020
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“The Heart-Breaker”

Ezra 7:11-28

Today's BIG IDEA:
God can turn the hardest of hearts toward his purposes.

1. Artaxerxes gives us a picture of God's sovereign
_____ (v.11-26)

A. God CHANGED Artaxerxes' _____ (v.11-26)

i. He _____ the exiles to go back to Jerusalem (v.12-14)

ii. He ARRANGED the provision of resources (v.15-22)

iii. He _____ the supremacy of God (v.23)

iv. He ABOLISHED the taxation of temple workers (v.24)

v. He _____ judges who followed God's Word (v.25-26)

B. God CHANNELED Artaxerxes' _____ (v.23)

2. Ezra gives us a picture of our _____ response
(v.27-28)

A. We should give God the _____ (v.27)

B. We should recognize God's _____ (v.28a)

C. We should take _____ (v.28b)

D. We should obey God with _____ (v.28c)

E. We should pray with _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Discuss a time when you saw God use a non-believer to accomplish his sovereign purposes. How does this reaffirm our faith in God's sovereignty?
2. Today's passage marks the third time in Ezra that we have seen God steer a pagan king to accomplish his will. How does this encourage you in the midst of our nation's contentious election cycle?
3. Do you know someone whose heart is hardened towards God? How does today's message apply to them? How can you play a part in leading them to the Lord?