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“(Ezra) came...to Jerusalem according to the good hand of his God upon him. For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD” (*Ezra 7:9b-10a*). Eight times the book of Ezra mentions the good hand of God being upon Ezra (*Ezra 7:6,9,28; 8:18,22,31; see also Nehemiah 2:8,18*). When a person has God’s good hand upon him, it is an indication of God’s great favor and blessing. It indicates God’s **plentiful provision** (*Ezra 7:6; 8:18*), **powerful protection** (*Ezra 7:9; 8:22; 8:31*), and **empowering presence** (*Ezra 7:28*) upon the person whom He blesses and favors. What believer would ever want to be without God’s gracious provision, protection, and presence? Thus it is vitally important to know how God’s hand can be upon us. The answer is found in *Ezra 7:9-10*. After mentioning God’s good hand upon Ezra (v. 9), we are given the fourfold reason why Ezra was so blessed (v. 10):

- 1) Ezra prepared his heart. No man can be blessed whose heart is not wholly given to God, fully desiring to seek Him and to know His will. The heart of the matter is the matter of the heart. The heart must be right with God.
- 2) Ezra sought the law of the LORD. He was a man of the Word, a man of the Book, a man mighty in the Scriptures. God’s law was his delight.
- 3) Ezra was a doer of the Word. He was a Biblical practitioner. He obeyed the Scriptures. Jesus said, “Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it” (*Luke 11:28*).
- 4) Ezra taught the Scriptures to the Israelites. He not only knew the Word and practiced the Word, but he also shared the Word with others. **If the hand of my God is to be upon me, I must go and do likewise.**

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