





### EZRA 3:10-13

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the LORD with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel."

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And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

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HAGGAI 2:3-9

Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory (*kavod*)? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing?

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GOD'S MODEL OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1. Inspired by Love

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Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear.

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#### HAGGAI 2:3-9

For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor (*kavod*), says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor (*kavod*) of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

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## GOD'S MODEL OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1. Inspired by Love
2. Directed Toward Fear

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“Shekinah is a word that is understood as a light disseminating (broadcasting, spreading, publicizing, propagating) presence, bringing an awareness of God to a time and place where God is not expected to be – a place. It’s not a public spectacle but more like a selective showing at God’s discretion to encourage or affirm, to reveal a reality of something that we do not yet have eyes to see.”

– Eugene Peterson

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1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

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