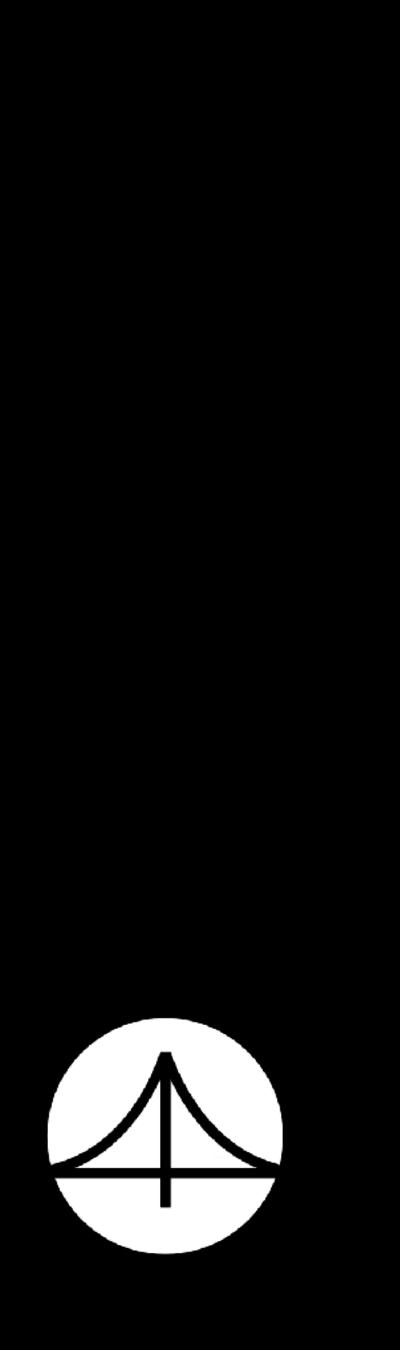
Through the Bible: Pursuing God's Presence Ezra 1:1-5; 3:8-13



God's people are marked by a longing for His presence.

Sacrifice to be in God's Presence

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Sacrifice to be in God's Presence Returning to Jerusalem was a great opportunity that required great sacrifice.

the sake of being in God's presence

They were willing to make the sacrifices for

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Submission to God's Standards God has precise standards about how sinful humanity can come into His presence

• For our worship to be proper, it must submit to God's standards

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Standing for God when We Can't See Every human heart desires to be in God's presence

Jesus is our proof that God is always with us

The people rebuilding the temple have no tangible sign or proof that God is with them

Ezra 1:1-5; 3:8-13

