

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text: Ezra 10

Title: Genuine Repentance Costs Something

Introduction

Repentance must be genuine.

True repentance is not cheap – it costs something.

1. True Repentance Begins with Brokenness (vv1-4)
 - a. Starts when we stop managing our image and start owning our sin.
 - b. God moves powerfully through humble, broken hearts.

2. True Repentance Requires Concrete Action (vv5-12)
 - a. Whole assembly responded with a loud voice, “As you have said, so we must do.”
 - b. There is a change of mind that leads to a change of direction.

3. Restoring Holiness May Involve Painful Sacrifice (vv13-44)
 - a. Take proactive actions to handle matter orderly.
 - b. Handling of Deuteronomy 24:1 – foreign wives not submitting to the Law and Command of the God of Israel.

Conclusion

Repentance is emotional, practical and costly.

It is turning fully back to God.
