

“THE GOOD HAND OF THE LORD
Ezra 7-8

Transcendence – “He is separate from & independent of nature & humanity... superior to it. (Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 338)

Immanence – “God’s presence and activity within nature, human nature, and history,” (Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 329)

Good Hand of the Lord/God – 7:6, 9, 28; 8:18, 22, 31

1. **The good hand of the Lord moves _____ for his glory. (7:6, 27-28)**

God is in _____ of this world. (Prov 21:10)

God uses _____ in the world. (1 Tim 2)

2. **The good hand of the Lord is on those wholly _____ to him. (7:9-10, 28)**

Ezra was dedicated to study, practice/observance, & teaching.

Three “s” of excuses: _____, _____, _____.

How do we determine success?

How is it achieved?

(3 Jn 4; 1 Kgs 8:61; 2 Chr 16:9; Mt 22:37-38)

3. **The good hand of the Lord brings _____ & _____ for his people. (7:6, 27-28, 8:18, 22, 31)**

Is physical provision & health a sign of God’s favor today?

What does God promise us?

(Jn 10:28-29; Phil 4:19; 2 Pt 1:3)

4. **The good hand of the Lord is on those who _____ him. (8:21-23)**

God answers us! Our trust is never misplaced when it is in God!

Paul David Tripp on Proverbs & pride vs. humility. What did I glean?