# Here I Raise My Ebenezer

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## INTRODUCTION

- Here is the one that people start scratching their heads. What in the world are we singing?
- Here I raise my Ebenezer. Hither by thy help I've come. And I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.

## 1 Samuel Took a Stone and Named It Ebenezer

**1 Samuel 4:3; 1 Samuel 7:12**

- Why has the Lord defeated us today before the Philistines? Now that, my friends, was a good question.
- Good question. Wrong answer. Their conclusion was, oh, we need some special power.
- Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen and named it Ebenezer. Saying, Thus far, the Lord has helped us.
- And so Ebenezer, the stone of help, represented God coming to the aid of his people.

## 2 How David Raises His Ebenezer

**Psalm 40:1–2; 2 Samuel 7:18**

- Many of his psalms would serve as his Ebenezer. The marker of his reliance upon God in the midst of difficulty and how God had delivered him.
- I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined to me and heard my cry. He brought me out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay. And he set my feet upon a rock.
- What he gets in return, though prohibited from building the house, is that God promises him a house.
- Oh Lord God. And what is my house that thou hast brought me thus far? David knew that all that his kingdom was and all that his reign was the result of God's help.

## 3 Our Baptism Into Christ Serves as an Ebenezer

**Romans 6:11; Romans 6:13**

- What kind of marker might we have erected in our lives that says, God has been a stone of help to me.
- Wherever you were baptized into Christ, that event, that moment, serves as an Ebenezer.
- That's the moment at which our sins were cleansed by the blood of Christ. It is the line of demarcation in our lives.
- He's telling Christians, you need to remember what your baptism meant. And then he makes his appeal in verse 11. He says, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God.

- It is a marker, it is a stone of help. It is where God helped us in our broken condition caused by sin.

## 4 Every Assembly and the Lord's Supper Is an Ebenezer

- Every time we're here, we're reminded of who we are and where we've been and how we got here. And what we're called to be.
- May I suggest that every one of these assemblies serves as an Ebenezer? It is a reminder of how much we need God and how much He has helped us in the past.
- The Lord's Supper is a built-in Ebenezer, a stone of remembrance.
- I've been helped by Jesus' sacrifice. I'm completely dependent upon what he did.
- And so what are we doing here today? We are raising our Ebenezer, and we're teaching our children. We're showing our grandchildren.

## 5 Effective Remembrance: Frequent Enough and Fervent Enough

**2 Peter 3:15**

- Whether my remembering is frequent enough, and that's one of the reasons I'm sure that the Lord's Supper is to be done every first day of the week.
- It must be frequent enough and it must be fervent enough. It must come from our hearts, from our emotions. It must affect what we value to be an effective remembrance.
- I'm saying these things to you to stir you up by way of reminder.
- For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.
- A dog returns to its own vomit, and a sow after washing returns to wallowing in the mire.
- The corruption of sin is equally nauseating and horrific.

THE CHALLENGE

You need to remember your awful past compared to where you now are. Who really accomplished it? And who will bring you to future glory. We are absolutely dependent upon God.

MY NOTES