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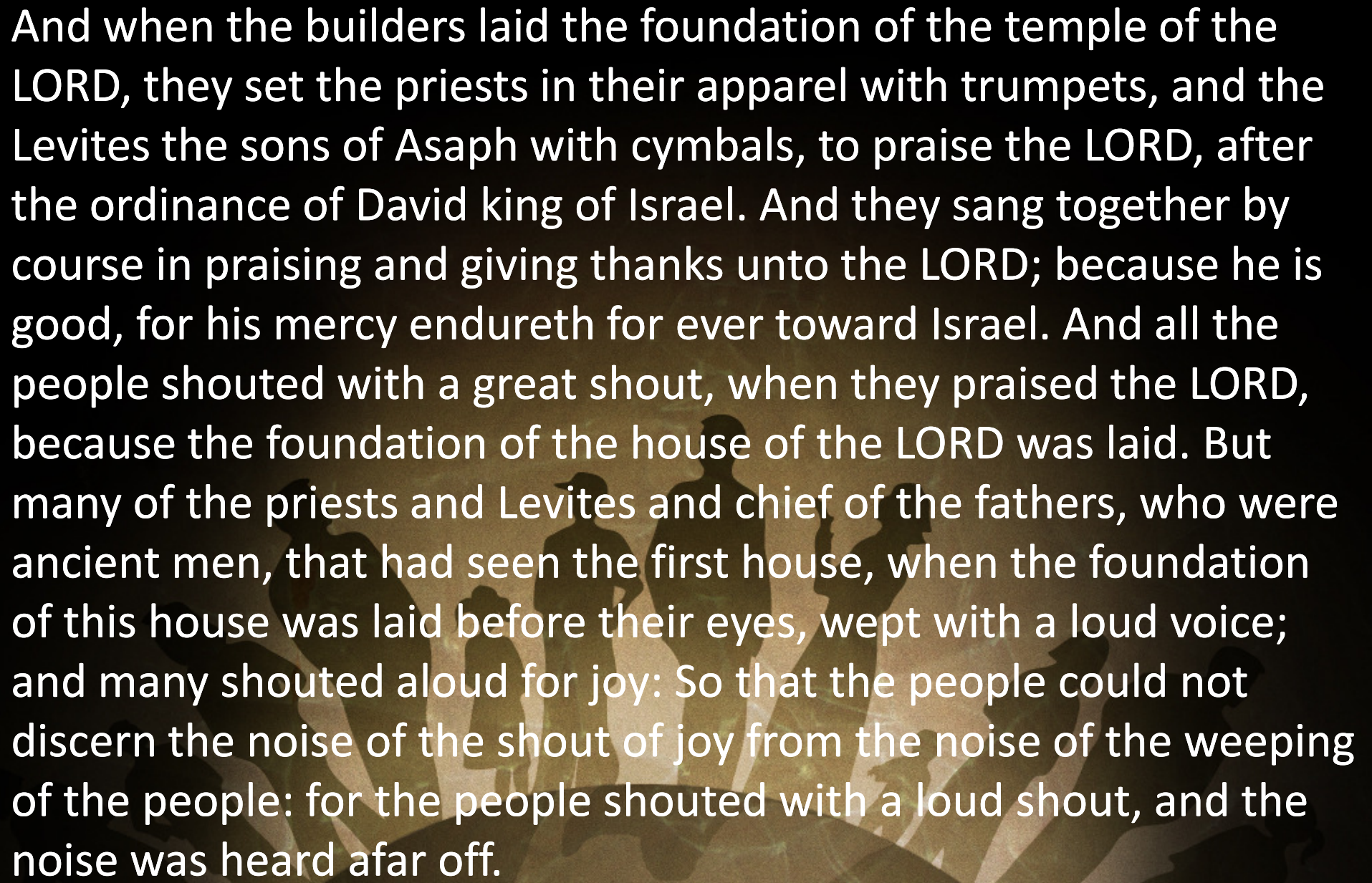
The People God Uses

Ezra 3:10-13

The background of the slide features a glowing, golden globe at the bottom. Above the globe, there are several dark silhouettes of people of various ages and ethnicities, standing and gesturing, set against a dark, textured background with a subtle grid pattern.

## Ezra 3:10-13

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted 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 chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.





# 1. God Uses People who are Careful to Obey the Word of God

Ezra 3:2b “.....and builded the altar of the God of Israel...”

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- Noah built an altar

Gen. 8:20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.



- Abraham built an altar

Gen 12:7

And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

- Elijah built an altar

1 Kings 18:32

And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

Ezra 3:1a. "And when the seventh month was come...."

Ezra 3:4a "They kept also the feast of tabernacles..."

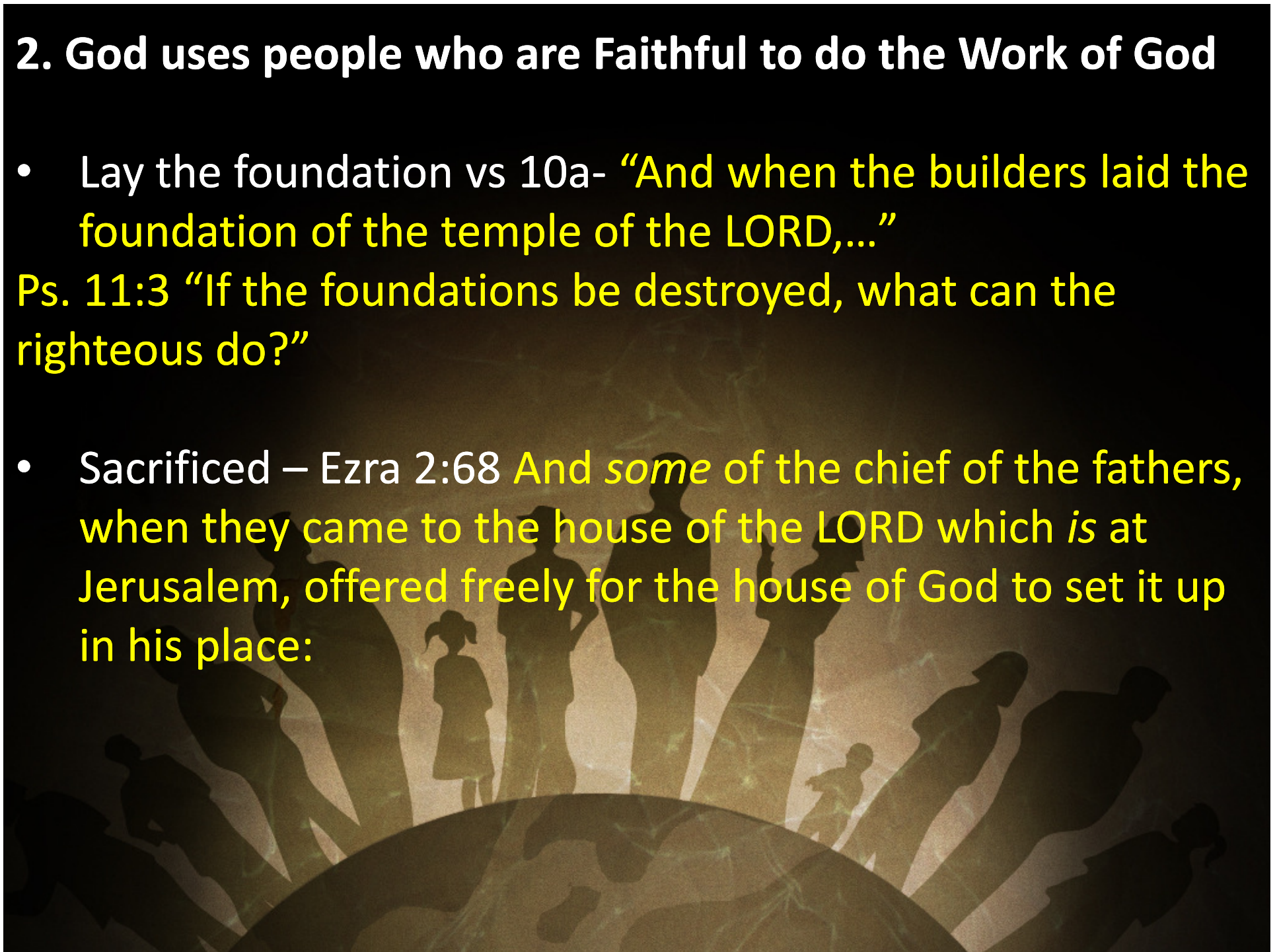


## 2. God uses people who are Faithful to do the Work of God

- Lay the foundation vs 10a- “And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD,...”

Ps. 11:3 “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

- Sacrificed – Ezra 2:68 *And some* of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which *is* at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:



2 Corinthians 9:7 And *some* of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which *is* at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:

Ezra 3:7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

VS1. The people gathered themselves together as one man

VS9. Then stood Jeshua *with* his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together

VS.11 And they sang together

VS. 8 To set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

VS. 9 To set forward the workmen in the house of Go



### 3. God uses People who are Joyful in the Worship of God

VS. 11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because *he is good*, for his mercy *endureth* for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid

VS. 12 wept with a loud voice

VS. 12 and many shouted aloud for joy:

VS. 13. So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

