

Download Exalting Jesus In Ezra Nehemiah

James Hamilton's newly published commentary on exalting Jesus in Ezra and Nehemiah is both scholarly and accessible, text-centered and warm-hearted—all of which comes through even in this brief interview. God saved us through Jesus, and we see God's sovereignty in tension with human responsibility as we consider how Ezra and Nehemiah worked to ensure that there would be a Joseph and a Mary so there could be a Jesus. They didn't know that would be his name, but it was concern for him, hope for him, that drew Ezra and Nehemiah back to the Scriptures, kept them on their knees, compelled them to call the people to repent, and caused them to seek the rebuilding of people and wall. Edited by David Platt, Daniel L. Akin, and Tony Merida, this new commentary series, projected to be 48 volumes, takes a Christ-centered approach to expositing each book of the Bible. Often overlooked or employed only when a church is undergoing a building program, Ezra-Nehemiah is treated like what is negatively termed the "fly-over" portion of the country—many are glad it is there but have no real reason or desire to visit. However, Hamilton's work shows that in these books dwell the heartland of the story of the exiled people of God. This is one commentary worth reading cover to cover and, as you do, you will smile as you see the Lord Jesus shining forth.