



Carrying the Ark of God George Davidiuk

Background: 1 Sam. Chaps. 4-6

1. Ark captured by the enemies of God
 1. Eli and sons led Israel to sin!
2. The ark caused health problems to Philistines
 1. Temple of Dagon – tumors in 3 cities!
3. The ark was sent back in an unusual way!
 1. Milk cows tied to a cart!
4. The cows pulled the cart straight to the camp of Israel! – MIRACLE!

2 Sam 6:2 ...”David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God.

3 They carried the ark of God on a new cart, [hitched to oxen] and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill.

6 When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen shook it.

7 The anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God struck him there because he reached out his hand to the ark; and he died there beside the ark of God.

8 David was angry because the LORD had burst forth with an outburst upon Uzzah...

9 David was afraid of the LORD that day; he said, “How can the ark of the LORD come into my care?”

QUESTIONS:

- Why did God kill a man for only trying to help?
- Why did the oxen of Israel stumble when the milk cows of the Philistines did not?
- Why did God allow the Philistines to send back the ark in an unusual way...
- But not the Jews!

What is the Ark of God?

The Ark of God:

The presence of God in our ministry!

The Work of God

1. The Ark is Heavy

- Plated with Gold
 - Mercy Seat – Solid Gold
 - 2 Cherubim – 2 Angels of Gold
- The Work of God is also Heavy
 - “Burden” from the Lord

2. The Ark is Valuable

- Precious Metals
 - Artisanship, creativity
- The Work of God also requires:
 - Great Effort
 - gives value

3. The Ark must not “Roll”

- Carried on shoulders!
 - Israel not allowed to copy Philistines!
- The Work of God require personal sacrifice!
 - Don't expect “others” to carry it...

4. The Ark must move “God’s Way!”

- God tolerates the world’s ignorance
 - Cows and Cart -- (Philistines)
- The Work of God is not successful with carnal methods

5. The Ark cannot be carried ALONE!

- Too heavy for one man!
 - Eph 4 — 5 fold ministry
- The Work of God requires a team

6. The Ark’s power is not:

- Beauty
- Artisanship
- Gold
- Presence of the Almighty God!

7. The Ark cannot be touched carelessly...

- Uzzah was killed by its power!
 - Acts 12 — Herod’s speech
- God will not share His Glory with any man!

8. The progress of carrying the Ark is SLOW!

- Sacrifices offered every 6 steps!
- Ministry develops “step by step”

9. The Result of Sacrifice to God:

- Great JOY!
 - David danced!
 - Heb 12 - Jesus

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