

## The PROVISION of the Ark

The *second step* is: embrace \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>11</sup> *The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.*

<sup>12</sup> *Now King David was told, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” 2 Samuel 6:11 & 12*  
God was trying to show David (and us) \_\_\_\_\_ we are from God – but also to show us the \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>3</sup> *Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, <sup>4</sup> which had the . . . gold-covered ark of the covenant . . . <sup>7</sup> But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance . . . <sup>11</sup> When Christ came as high priest . . . <sup>12</sup> He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all **by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.** Hebrews 9*

David got it and goes down to Obed-Edom’s house to get the Ark.

- Now he understood the \_\_\_\_\_ that separates us from God. And this time he’s \_\_\_\_\_ the Ark (v.13).
- He also understood the \_\_\_\_\_ because this time he \_\_\_\_\_.

*When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. (v.13)*

“*We have a choice laid before us.*”



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### Part 11

## THE ARK: GOD IN A BOX

2 Samuel 6:1 – 15

<sup>1</sup> David again brought together out of Israel chosen men, thirty thousand in all.  
<sup>2</sup> He and all his men set out from Baalah of Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim that are on the ark. <sup>3</sup> They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart <sup>4</sup> with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. <sup>5</sup> David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup> The LORD’s anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down and he died there beside the ark of God.

<sup>8</sup> Then David was angry because the LORD’s wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

<sup>9</sup> David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, “How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?” <sup>10</sup> He was not willing to take the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. <sup>11</sup> The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.

<sup>12</sup> Now King David was told, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” So David went down and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. <sup>13</sup> When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. <sup>14</sup> David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, <sup>15</sup> while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

## The PROMISE of the Ark

What motivated David to bring the Ark back to Jerusalem?

*One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4*

He needed the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ connection to God.

What is meant by, a “genuine connection to God”?

*The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2*

## The PROBLEM of the Ark

1 Samuel 4 – 6

*“David again assembled all the best men in Israel, thirty thousand in number...” 2 Samuel 6:1*

<sup>6</sup> *When they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and grabbed hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup> The Lord was so furious with Uzzah; he killed him on the spot for his negligence. He died right there beside the ark of God. 2 Samuel 6:6 & 7 NET Bible*

Why did God kill Uzzah for doing something **good**?

God gave specific rules about how the Ark was to be moved from one place to another.

- It was to be \_\_\_\_\_
- It was to be \_\_\_\_\_
- It was to be carried by \_\_\_\_\_
- It couldn't be \_\_\_\_\_

**Every one** of the rules had been broken.

I don't think it's about Uzzah breaking the rules; I think it's more about **what the rules teach us** about God and approaching God.

*“Tell your brother Aaron **not to come whenever he chooses** into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, **or else he will die**, because I appear in the cloud over the atonement cover. <sup>3</sup> This is how Aaron is to enter the sanctuary area: with a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.” Leviticus 16:2 & 3*

<sup>5</sup> *When the camp is to move, Aaron and his sons are to go in and take down the shielding curtain and cover the ark of the Testimony with it. <sup>6</sup> Then they are to cover this with hides of sea cows, spread a cloth of solid blue over that and put the poles in place. Numbers 4:5 & 6*

What do the rules and regulations about the Ark teach us?

The **first step** to experiencing the reality of God in your life is to \_\_\_\_\_ between a Holy God and sinful Man.