



# David And Worship

1 Samuel 6:1-21, 1 Samuel 4:1-22,  
2 Samuel 6:1-23

# David and the Temple



- David did not build the temple let alone rebuild it, his son, Solomon did.
- What is acceptable worship or praise to God?
- The Ark of the Covenant was a wooden box covered with gold; it had a solid gold lid with two golden angels on top.
- The Ark of the Covenant symbolized the presence of God.

# Purpose of the Ark



- It was the resting place of the Shekinah Glory.
- It was the meeting place between God and man.
- It was the place of redemption, where once a year blood was poured over the lid to cleanse all Israel from their sins.
- It was a symbol of God's holiness, presence and power.
- It contained relics from the past:
  - Aaron's staff
  - A pot of manna
  - The stone tablets on which the law was written
- It was an object lesson of which its meaning was to be taught to the children, so they could understand to Whom it pointed.

# Revival



- In a war against the Philistines someone thought if they brought the Ark to the front they would win; they lost.
- The Ark was not a guarantee of invincibility.
- Today, when we see the church not growing, we think all we have to do is drag out the Ark (Revival); it worked in the past, surely it will work now.
- The past was great, but we need to learn the real lessons from the past, not just copy the forms.
- Successful evangelism is not about the services, but prayer, holiness, and lifestyle.
- The way to revival is not to replicate the outward trappings of success from the past; it is to have an all consuming desire for God that motivates everything.

# David and the Ark



- David wanted to bring the Ark to Jerusalem where it could once again take its primary role in Israelite worship.
- Uzzah was punished for disobeying God.
- The Ark represented God's presence and holiness, so no-one was to touch it, because no-one was holy enough to come into the presence of God without being destroyed.
- God give us, today, instructions about how we are to approach Him, and we ignore them at our peril.
- There is a proper way to approach God in worship, and it has to do with attitude and respect.
- Showing respect is a function of culture not one of universal application.
- God will not accept our worship if we come in sin and refuse to repent.

# Conclusion



- We must have an eye to God in every word we sing.
- We must resist the temptation to copy the successful forms of the past without following the spirituality of the past.
- True worship is only possible through Christ and what He has done for us.