

“The Ark of GOD’s Presence” II Samuel 6

1. The _____ was a box/chest made of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Inside the Ark were the _____ of the Ten Commandments. The Ark was housed in the inner part of the _____ in the desert and eventually placed in the _____ when it was built in Jerusalem. **Exodus 37**
2. The lid of the box was known as the _____. Once a year, on the Day of _____, the High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies where the Ark was kept and sprinkle the blood of a sacrificial animal on the Mercy Seat. This would atone for or _____ the sins of the Nation. **Lev. 16** This was the _____ in the world where this atonement could take place. It pictures the atonement that CHRIST made on _____ for the forgiveness of our sins. Romans 3:24-25
3. The Ark of the Covenant was the symbol of GOD’s _____. David was a worshipper of GOD. He loved GOD with _____. As the new King of a united Israel, his _____ priority was to do all he could to bring _____ to Jerusalem, the capital city. He needed GOD.
4. David immediately made arrangements to bring the Ark into Jerusalem and place it in _____ he had pitched for that purpose. **V.1-2, 17** But David failed to consult the Scriptures. He had the Ark placed on the _____ he could find for the event. **V.3** As the procession was under way, one of the oxen stumbled, and a young priest reached and _____ the Ark with his hand. GOD struck the man _____. The worship service was over. David was both _____ and _____. **V.8-9** He left the Ark outside the city at the home of Obed-Edom for _____ months. **V. 10-11**
5. GOD _____ on ox carts, even though the Philistines seemed to get away with it. (1 Sam.4-6) The Presence of GOD will not rest on anything we _____. HE rests on _____. HE rests on us.
6. David apparently turned to the Scriptures and found that only _____ could _____ the Presence. 1 Chron. 15:2 GOD always means what HE says. HE will not be treated with _____.
7. David got _____ ready to bring the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem.

The priests were ready. The musicians were ready. The leadership was ready.

8. David had so much joy that his City could host GOD's presence that:

- A. He removed his royal robes, and in humility put on a _____ (undergarment) for the procession. This was not a thing a normal king would ever do.
- B. Every _____ the procession stopped, and they sacrificed an ox to the LORD, picturing that hosting GOD's Presence was _____. **V.13**
Getting close to GOD may cost you your:
- C. Out of great joy, David _____ before the Ark with all his might, as the Nation watched. **V.14-15** This was his greatest offering to GOD. It was based on David's deep _____ for GOD's goodness.

9. Sadly David's wife, Michal, was _____ by David's humble display of affection for GOD, and _____. **V.16-23** Her disregard for GOD's Presence revealed that she carried some of the same _____ for GOD's Presence that her father, Saul had. Her comments had lasting effects.

10. The Holy ONE is looking for people _____ to be with HIM. Psalm 27:4 "One thing"

- A. There is no greater privilege than being _____ to GOD Himself.
- B. HE does not walk into anyone's home, space, or life without _____. Revelation 3:20

11. **For the next 40 days, would you make space for GOD?**

(Some suggestions)

- Use the 40 Day Prayer Guide with your family.
- Eat less – (called Fasting) _____ Cut off the TV, Facebook, etc.
- Listen to worship music & Bible teaching
- Go for walks to pray - Read the Bible daily Talk to the LORD as you drive to work
- Write down what you feel that HE is saying to your heart.
- Move toward HIM.

