

The Special Box

Scripture: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

~ **Matthew 24:35**

Memo: In order to understand today's lesson, please read II Samuel 6:1-11

After David became king of Israel, his first request was to bring the Ark of the Covenant, the Special Box, back home. The Ark of the Covenant has been the symbol of the presence of God since the time of Moses and the Tabernacle. Inside of it were the Words of God himself, and the people viewed this box as sacred. For now the Ark of the Covenant was still at Abinadab's home. It was stationed there after the Philistines became sick with tumors from capturing it, and then sent it on a cart back to Israel. So David told his men to go get it and place it on a ox-driven cart. Everyone was so excited. They started dancing and making a joyful noise. As they made their way towards David's palace, the oxen stumbled, and a man named Uzzah reached out to steady the special box. The Lord God became angry with Uzzah for touching the box, and Uzzah immediately died. Because of this, David was angry with the Lord for killing Uzzah. However, David became afraid, so he sent the box to the house of Obed-Edom.

Do you remember what Moses put inside the Covenant Box? It contained the manna of God, Aaron's rod, & the Ten Commandments. After all this time, the commandments were still in the box because the Lord was very strict about His word. Only the priests, whose special job it was to carry the Ark of the Covenant, were allowed to touch it. The commandments were more than just a set of rules. God had made a promise (covenant) that those who keep His rules will be His people, and that He will love them and care for them. God has given us the Bible with commands and promises: commands we must obey, and promises that God will keep. He has also given a strict warning to anyone who tries to change a single word in the Bible. That is why we can trust what God has told us in the Bible and be assured that His Word will never disappear.

Prayer: Lord, forgive me if I have not followed your Word completely. Help me remember you are a sacred and holy God. In Jesus name, Amen!

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