

Going With God

Joshua 3:1-6

- I. The Ark of the Covenant Reminds Us of God's Closeness on Our Journey
 - A. God is Our Priority on Our Journey *"Always trust an unknown future to a known God."*-- Corrie Ten Boom
 - B. God Is Our Power on Our Journey (Not our wisdom and skill)
Deuteronomy 1:29-33
²⁹ Then I said to you, 'Do not be in dread or afraid of them. ³⁰The LORD your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, ³¹and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.'
³²Yet in spite of this word you did not believe the LORD your God, ³³ who went before you in the way to seek you out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night and in the cloud by day, to show you by what way you should go.
- II. The Ark of the Covenant Reminds Us of God's Concern in Our Fears and Discomfort
 - A. Fear Limits Us
 - B. God Leads Us! (God has already been where he is leading us!)
"The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else." Oswald Chambers
When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalm 56:3
Psalms 56:3 NKJV Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.
 - C. God Loves Us!
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
Lamentations 3:22-24
Our Faith must reach beyond ourselves for life. We can stand only in the power of God – that *your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.* **1 Corinthians 2:5**
- III. The Ark of the Covenant Reminds Us of God's Covenant in Our Hearts
 - A. The Covenant was not to be Altered
Deuteronomy 4:1-2 And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.
² You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.
 - B. Our Covenant Is to Be Accepted
Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

A CONTRACT is an agreement made in suspicion. The parties do not trust each other, and they set "limits" on their own responsibility. A COVENANT is an agreement made in trust. The parties love each other and place no limits on their responsibilities. This is why we prefer Marriage Covenants to Marriage Contracts. Accept God's Ways; Accept God's Love by loving Him!