



Teaching Notes 6.14.24 Hosting The Presence- Part 4

Read: 2 Samuel 6:1-12

Teaching on the effects of hosting the presence of God.

What happens in the home that hosts the presence of God?

What transpires in the life of those who choose to make space for His presence in their lives?

In 2 Samuel 6, David has become King of Israel.

Despite great resistance, God's chosen King had defeated every foe and taken his rightful place.

The anointing of God does not produce an absence of adversaries.

It is a mistake to believe that there will be no resistance because you have a touch of God on your life.

The anointing does not ensure your path in life will be easy, but it does ensure that if you will stay the course, and trust in your source, that you will come out victorious.

The oil always draws out the giants!

A. David has ascended to the throne, but he soon realizes that there was something missing. For 70 years the ARK had been missing from Jerusalem.

With the ARK missing, life was business as usual. People were still going to Church. They were still waving banners, blowing trumpets, singing songs, making sacrifices, and preaching sermons but something was missing!



An entire generation had grown up in Jerusalem without ever seeing ARK. They knew very little about it, and it wasn't central to their lives.

For so many years, the ARK had been left and forgotten about. This is the state of the American Church. An entire generation has grown up without the ARK as a central figure.

B. The body of Christ has been content for the external tokens of God's presence.

We are so busy having services, singing songs, and going through the motions of religion that we haven't noticed that our altars are barren of true repentance. Our services are void of the glory that transforms lives. Our families are falling apart at the seams, and worship is being offered up by hands that are still bound by the chains of sin.

C. The ARK of God represented the immediate presence and glory of God in Israel.

The ark was the resting place for the manifest presence of God in the Old Testament.

The ark was kept in the holy of holies, in the tabernacle of Moses, and in Solomon's temple. This is where the glory cloud would manifest.

The Ark was the most significant object in Old Covenant worship. It was a box overlaid with gold, and it rested in the Most Holy place.

The mercy seat covered the box. Two cherubim with outstretched wings, facing one another, overshadowed the mercy seat.

When God came down, His glory rested above the mercy seat between the wings of the cherubim.

The Ark was a picture of the person and saving work of Christ.



IF THE ARK IS TO RETURN TO THE CITY:

1. Someone must prioritize His presence.
 - a. Until someone makes it a priority, there will be no presence!
 - b. David had become King, but something was missing, and his entire focus was to get the ARK back in Jerusalem!
 - c. David was a catalyst. Every family, church, city, and nation must have someone who is a catalyst for getting the presence back in its rightful place!
 - d. He employed 30,000 men to retrieve it! (The result of one man's passion!)
2. Understand the ARK contained three objects:
 - a. The two tablets of the law. (The 10 Commandments) (The WORD of God)
 - i. You cannot have the presence without the truth. (With His presence comes the truth and power of His WORD.) ("They that worship will worship in Spirit and in TRUTH.")
 - ii. This represented the moral Law of God would forever stand before the presence of God, and the Law would be kept in the person of Christ.
 - b. A jar of manna. (Representing God's provision.)
 - i. The manna, in the golden bowl, represented the life-sustaining provision that God gives His people in Christ.
 - ii. When Jesus fed the five thousand, He said, "Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven....the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." (John 6:33)
 - iii. The flesh and blood of Christ is life-sustaining food for the believer.
 - c. Aaron's rod that budded. (Represents divine leadership, the power of signs and wonders, and resurrection power!)
3. The ARK was meant to be carried, not driven. "...They set the ARK of God on a new cart..." (2 Samuel 6:3)
 - a. The ark was designed to be "carried." (Exodus 25:12-15)
 - i. God did not want anything mechanical used to transport His Spirit. He intended for His people to get under the weight of it.



- ii. New innovations and new technologies are good, but they cannot carry the ark.
 - iii. “It is not new things we need, but new fire!” -John Wesley
 - b. According to Numbers 4:15, the ARK was only to be carried by Levites (worshippers).
 - i. The ARK moves on the shoulders of worshippers! Let the worshippers arise!
 - ii. This was nothing less than the burden of the Lord, and that burden was to be carried on the shoulders of Levites (Worshippers). “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” (John 4:23-24)
 - c. Many miracles were associated with the ark.
 - i. It carried its carriers. (When the Levites lifted it for transport, instead of them carrying the Ark, the Ark carried them!) (545 pounds)
 - ii. According to the Talmud, the space occupied by the Ark did not take up space!
 - 1. The Holy of Holies of the Tabernacle was 10 cubits wide, and the ark, which stood in the center, had a length of 2.5 cubits. Yet, when measuring from the sides of the ark to the wall, one would find five cubits on each side!
 - d. We don’t get to do it our way.
 - i. There is a way to host the presence of God. There is a Biblical way to praise and worship God. It does not have anything to do with your personality but has to do with our obedience.
 - ii. We can be right in our intentions but wrong in our practice. We can have right motives but wrong measures. We can do the right thing, but do it the wrong way, and still be displeasing to God.
- 4. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.
 - a. “Uzzah”- means “man’s strength.”
 - i. When we rely on “man’s strength” to drive the presence of God then we are headed towards disaster.



- b. It is not our giftings and abilities that channel God's presence. God's presence is what channels our giftings and abilities!
5. "And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor..." (2 Samuel 6:6)
- a. Whole stalks of wheat are gathered at the threshing floor, and the chaff was separated from the wheat. There was a lot of "chaff" in this production, and God has a way of blowing away the chaff at the threshing floor!
- "Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it.
- a. The minute the Ark started to move, Uzzah's instinct was to grab it.
 - b. When the ARK moves, it can make people uncomfortable. Our first instinct can be to control or manipulate.
 - c. Touching the ARK was strictly forbidden. Regarding the transporting of the ark Numbers 4:15 says, "they shall not touch any holy thing lest they die."
 - d. Uzzah grew up with the ARK in the house! Although he had grown up with the ARK in the house, He did not know of the things concerning it.
 - a. Spending time in the House where the presence of God rests does not qualify you as intimately acquainted with the Father.
 - i. There are so many that have been in the houae with the ARK, but they still are not acquainted with the God of the ARK.
6. David left the ARK in the house of Obed-Edom. "And the Lord BLESSED the house of Obed-Edom, and all that pertained unto him, BECAUSE of the ARK of God." (2 Samuel 6:12)
- a. Anywhere the ARK is, there is blessing!!! (healing, deliverance, joy, peace...)
 - b. Obed-Edom did not have time to prepare for the Ark's arrival, but he was already prepared.
 - c. Obed-Edom's house was not a natural "landing place" for God's manifest presence.
 - d. Obed-Edom was a Gittite from Gath, a gentile from the same city as the Philistine giant Goliath.

Four actions by Obed-Edom to host the ARK:

- 1) He RECOGNIZED the presence of God. (He KNEW what it was)



- 2) He EMBRACED the presence of God. (He received it into his house)
- 3) He HONORED the presence of God. (He made a place for it in his life)
- 4) He CELEBRATED the presence of God. (He rejoiced that God had chosen him)

The name Obed-Edom has two meanings:

- 1) A singer: (Not just a singer but a worshipper!)
 - a. He was one of the sons of Korah who wrote several Psalms. Many bibles will say “A Psalm of the sons of Korah.”
 - b. Read: Psalm 42:42, Psalm 46:1-7, Psalm 47:1-3
- 2) A Gatekeeper: (A person who controls access to something!)
 - a. When you are a worshipper, you become a “gatekeeper” for heaven to be released in the earth!
 - b. When the ARK is in the House, we can release Heaven on Earth.

Obed-Edom had to change the orientation of his home.

You cannot host the presence in a house and leave the house as it is. You must reorient your life around His presence!

As Obed-Edom and his household altered their lifestyles, routines, and home to host God’s presence, the presence of God altered them in the process!

Every place in your life that you alter for Him will be altered by Him!

Altering their lives created space for His presence. Every space you make available for His presence is changed by His presence!

They made room for the presence, and the presence changed the room!

Obed-Edom was so blessed that it drew people’s attention!

I want the presence of God to be so strong in this place, and the blessing of God to be so overwhelming, that people begin to take notice.



The blessing changed the trajectory of his house forever.

Obed-Edom had eight sons. The children and grandchildren of Obed-Edom numbered 62 and all of them, without exception, were appointed to be gatekeepers of the house of the Lord!

The station of his whole house was changed all because he chose to host the presence!!!

The blessings of God are generational!

David wanted that blessing, so He went and brought the ARK back to Jerusalem.

“When they that bare the ARK had gone SIX paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.”
-2 Samuel 6:13

In the Bible, the number 6 symbolizes man and human weakness.

It was our flesh and human weakness that got us in the shape we are in. (Stop blaming the devil)

David knew that when you come to the end of yourself then the sacrifice of Christ takes over!

“Shesh” (six)- means overplus

It comes from the idea of six being beyond the five fingers of the hand.

When life gets beyond our hand, when it gets to be more than we can handle, there is an overplus that takes over!

“Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that you can ask and believe according to the power that works in us.” -Ephesians 3:20



When you have taken SIX steps, beyond your hand, stop and PRAISE HIM! He will give you the power to take six more!

“And David DANCED before the Lord with all his might.” 2 Samuel 6:14

When the ARK gets in the house, there must be a complete release. Nothing held back and nothing in reserve.

When every facet of our being is released in our worship then every facet of his being will be releases in our lives!

“And David was girded with a linen ephod.” 2 Samuel 6:14

Kings were distinguishable by the robes that they wore. They were beautiful, prestigious, and full of pomp. If you didn't know what the king looked like, then the robe would give him away.

This linen garment was what a “commoner” would wear. Kings did not wear common clothes, but when the ARK gets in the house, there is a loss of self.

There is a “riddance of the robes” (the coverings come off, the MASKS come off, the burdens come off, the layers of “self” come off).

David was saying with his Worship “I am not king today!”

Our worship should declare “I am not the king, You are!”

“They brought in the ARK and set it in the place David had made for it.” -2 Samuel 6:17

David had PREPARED a place specifically for the ARK.

We do all that we can to make a place for everything else in our life, but we must make a place for the Spirit of God!