

# Keys of The Kingdom - God's Glory

*A call to **host**, to function as a **hub**, and become a **headquarters**.*

## **2 Samuel 6:10-15 (ESV)**

10 So David was not willing to take the ark of the Lord into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. 11 And the ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

12 And it was told King David, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. 13 And when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. 14 And David danced before the Lord with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

The Hebrew verb כָּבַד **'kabod'** which – starting from a basic meaning of 'being heavy/weighty' – has the meaning of: to honor, to deem respectful, to deem as high. This word is

especially found in the prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel and in the books of Psalms and Proverbs. As a noun, 'kabod' has two aspects of meaning:

1. First, 'kabod' can be translated as: weight, strength, power, ability.
2. Second, 'kabod' means honor, glory, magnificence, dignity, splendor.

## **'Kabod'/glory and God's presence**

The term 'kabod'/glory is used in particular to describe the visible manifestation of God's presence. After God led the people of Israel out of Egypt to Sinai, the 'kabod'/glory of the LORD resided on the mountain as a consuming fire, including the covering cloud (Exodus 24:16-17).

### **Exodus 24:16-17 (ESV)**

**16** The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. **17** Now the appearance of the glory

of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.

Only Moses had the great privilege of being there and speaking with the Lord face to face.

(Exodus 24:18; 33:9-11)

## **Exodus 40:34-35 (ESV)**

### **The Glory of the Lord**

34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

‘Kabod’/glory is also the expression of God’s presence at the ark of the covenant. That is why Eli’s grandson got the sad name ‘Ikabod’ (= no ‘kabod’/glory), after the Philistines took the ark of God.

## **Psalms 115:1-2 (ESV)**

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!  
Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”

## 1. Host

- when we host someone, we make sure that our houses are in order.
- when we host someone, we are sure to prepare a meal that will satisfy their needs above ours.
- our goal is to make our guests feel like they have all the freedoms and accommodations they would have at their own home. (Take off your coat, take off your shoes, get comfortable, ect.)
- the Bible says that “God is enthroned on the praises of His people”. Let’s be the type of people that compels the Holy Spirit to rest on us, a type of people that worship in such a way that God literally sits down with us, upon His throne and feels at home. A type of place that loves so deeply, that the hurting find healing.
- We are a house that welcomes Holy interruptions, divine redirections in the midst of our gatherings, with open altars. That means, you don’t have to be invited to come to the altar, just come. We are a house that welcomes shouts of praise, hands that clap, feet

that dance, knees that kneel, hearts that burn with passion and are unashamed to display their praise. Prayers that reach heaven, prodigals who return, eyes that behold the glory of the Lord, lips that speak things that aren't as though they were, hands that give, tithe, and serve so that all of the glory of this house is given back to The Lord!

- WE ARE HOSTING EVERY GLORIOUS PLAN THE LORD HAS FOR US!

## **2. Hub**

*Hub - a central piece of a multi-functional network.*

## **Revelation 22:1-5**

The river of the water of life flows from the throne of God. On each side of the river stands the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

### **3. Headquarters**

*headquarters - a place from which a commander performs the functions of command.*

### **Luke 10:1-2**

#### **Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two**

**10** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two<sup>[a]</sup> others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. **2** He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.