

I SAMUEL CHAPTER 4

The God who Rules



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- **“Uzzah assumed that his hands were cleaner than the dirt. But the dirt is just dirt—it’s not morally repugnant. Uzzah was a sinner. He had no right to touch the Ark. He forgot the holiness of God.”**



- Evidently the people ascribed to the symbol the glorious properties that belonged only to the reality. They expected that the symbol of God's presence would do for them all that might be done by His presence itself. And doubtless there had been occasions when the symbol and the reality went together. There was no essential or inherent connection between the two; the actual connection was determined merely by the good pleasure of God. They simply ascribed to the symbol the power of a talisman, and felt secure of victory under its shadow.



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- MacArthur writes: Israel's failure to uproot all the inhabitants of Canaan (see Judg. 1:28) caused them to fall under the judgment of God. As a consequence of this judgment, Israel was enslaved to Philistine oppression (see Judg. 10, 13–16). The Philistines feared that they would become servants of the Hebrews.



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- Thus, with her dying breath she names her newborn son *Ichabod*. The name means either “no glory” or “where is the glory?” The child is thus an image of the fate of Israel— orphaned amid a dark and dangerous world, without the benefits of God’s covenant care—so his mother grants him a fitting, if terrible, name: “She named the child Ichabod, saying, ‘The glory has departed from Israel!’ ” (1 Sam. 4:21).



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