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God's Presence Belongs with His People

The Ark Remembered

What the Ark Represented

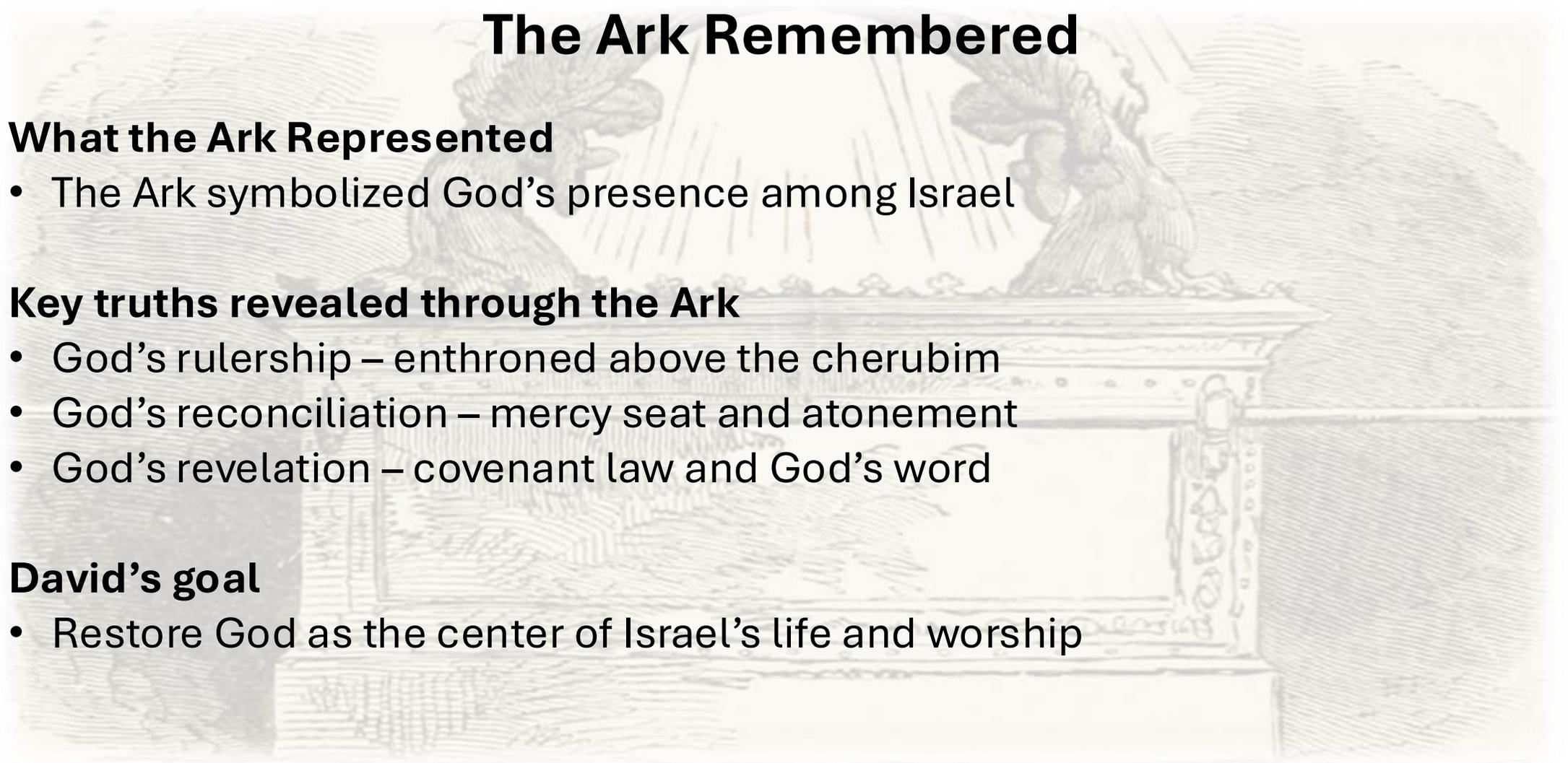
- The Ark symbolized God's presence among Israel

Key truths revealed through the Ark

- God's rulership – enthroned above the cherubim
- God's reconciliation – mercy seat and atonement
- God's revelation – covenant law and God's word

David's goal

- Restore God as the center of Israel's life and worship



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God Forgotten

Uzzah Encounters the Holiness of God

God's holiness remains unchanged

- Familiarity does not lessen its heat

God's commands govern worship

- Israel violated His commands for moving the Ark

God's presence requires sacrifice

- Without a substitute, Uzzah bore the judgement



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God Remembered

After hearing of God's blessing

- David retrieves the Ark once again
- David restores right worship

This time

- Levites carry the Ark
- Sacrifices are offered
- Worship is reverent and joyful

Obedience to God produces true worship



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Christ Fulfills the Ark

The Ark pointed forward to Christ

- Jesus perfectly fulfills what the Ark symbolizes

Christ is

- King – God's true ruler
- Prophet – God's final revelation
- Priest – our reconciliation with God

Because of Christ

- We can approach God without fear of judgement
- God's presence now dwells with and within His people



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Applications

Living in Light of God's Presence

- 1) Right motives must be paired with right obedience
 - Good intentions are not enough
- 2) Remember and trust God's promises
 - God's presence brings blessing to His people
- 3) Do not neglect the presence of God
 - We encounter Him through the gathered church in:
 - Fellowship
 - Preaching of the Word
 - Worship
 - Ordinances