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I SAMUEL 6-7:6

WHO IS ABLE TO STAND BEFORE THE LORD?

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I Samuel 6:1-12

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God's Presence crushing the Philistines (6:1-12)

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Don't harden your heart

I Samuel 6:6 Don't harden your hearts as the Egyptians and the Pharaoh did

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Read I Samuel 6:13-21

God's Presence Crushing the Israelites

They were glad to see the ark

They worshipped the Lord

They put the Ark on a rock for all to see it

God struck down 50,070 people for looking into the ark

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Numbers 4:5-6 – **No one is allowed to touch or look into the ark**

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James 3:1 – Let not many *of you* become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

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Who is able to stand before the Lord, the holy God? (Vs. 20)

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Moses was told by God that He would hide him in the cleft of the rock as he walked by so that the presence of Yahweh would not kill him.

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Psalm 5:4-7

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Hebrews 4:14-16

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I Samuel 7:1-6

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The Process of Repentance – Who will go up for us (6:20) and (7:1-6)

They made a plan to honor the Lord's Presence (7:1)

They mourned for 20 years

They received instruction from their prophet

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The Instruction for Repentance

Return to the Lord with all your heart
Remove the foreign gods and idols
Direct your hearts to the Lord and serve Him alone

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They obeyed Samuel

They removed their idols and served the Lord alone
Samuel Prayed for them
They fasted and confessed their sin

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II Corinthians 7:10 - For the **sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation**, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

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Quote: "Purging the land of the foreign gods and religious practices was only the negative side of Israel's spiritual renewal. A positive action also was needed. The Israelites had to "commit" themselves (lit., "establish your hearts") "to the LORD and serve him only." As they got rid of their idols and embraced the Lord wholeheartedly, they could expect the Torah-promised benefits of a right relationship with the Lord, one of which was victory over enemies (cf. Lev 26:7-8; Deut. 28:7)."

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With True Confession comes a new start with Yahweh

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How do I draw near to the throne of God with confidence?

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Is your hope built on your obedience or on Jesus and His finished work on the cross.

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand! All other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand.

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My prayer is that today, you would not wait another moment before you put your sin away and turn to God with all your heart.