

Dominion Seat of Favor

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The Ark Comes Home

Text: 2 Samuel 6:1–12; 1 Chronicles 13–15

There are moments in Scripture where God takes what seems like a tragedy and turns it into a testimony. One such moment is when the Ark of God, symbolizing the very presence of the Lord, was taken into the house of Obbededom. At first glance, it appears to be a detour. David's plan to bring the Ark to Jerusalem was interrupted by the sudden death of Uzzah (2 Samuel 6:6–7). What happened in the house of Obbededom is one of the clearest pictures in Scripture of what happens when the presence of God is properly received. But before the blessing came, there was a moment of shock, Uzzah's death. Fear gripped David, and instead of proceeding, he redirected the Ark to the house of Obbededom the Gittite. But what looked like a delay became a divine appointment.

“And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obbededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obbededom, and all his household.” (2 Samuel 6:11)

1. The Ark Represents the Presence of God--To understand the significance, we must first understand the Ark itself. The Ark of the Covenant was not just a religious artifact. It represented:

- The glory of God—Isaiah 42:8
- The authority of God--
- The covenant relationship between God and His people

Where the Ark was, God's presence was manifested. For us today, the Ark points to:

- The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- The nearness of God in our daily lives

God is not distant. He desires to dwell with His people, not in buildings made with hands, but in hearts surrendered to Him.

2. The Presence of God Brings Blessing--When the Ark entered Obbededom's house, something undeniable happened blessing followed. Scripture does not say

Obbededom prayed for blessing. It does not say he fasted for it. The blessing came because the presence of God was in his house.

Where God's presence is honored, His blessing is inevitable.

The blessing affected:

- His household
- His affairs
- Everything connected to him

Psalm 16:11 reminds us: “In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

Many chase blessings but neglect the presence. Obbededom received the presence, and the blessing followed.

3. The Presence of God Must Be Handled with Reverence--Before the Ark reached Obbededom, Uzzah died because he mishandled it.

This teaches us something critical:

- God is loving, but He is also holy.
- His presence is a privilege, not something to be treated casually.

David initially transported the Ark the wrong way, on a cart instead of according to God's instruction (Numbers 4:15). Good intentions are not enough. God must be approached God's way.

In our Christian life:

- Worship must be sincere and reverent
- Service must be obedient, not convenient
- We must not become casual with holy things

4. Hosting God's Presence Requires Readiness--Obbededom did not reject the Ark. He received it. Imagine the risk: Uzzah had just died, the presence of God seemed dangerous. Yet Obbededom welcomed the Ark into his home. This reveals faith--He made room for God--and God filled that space with blessing. Many want God to visit, but not everyone is willing to host Him.

5. The Blessing of God Becomes a Testimony to Others--Obbededom's blessing did not remain hidden. “And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obbededom...” (2 Samuel 6:12) The blessing became visible. It became known. So much so that it changed David's perspective and motivated him to bring the Ark to Jerusalem the right way. When God blesses your life, it becomes a witness to others. Your life should make people ask, “What is different about you?”

6. Obededom Did Not Just Host the Presence, He Followed It--Later in Scripture (1 Chronicles 15-16), we see something powerful: Obededom did not stay behind when the Ark moved.

He became a doorkeeper and servant in the house of God. This is transformation, He moved from: Hosting the presence-- to serving the presence and Receiving blessing-- to dedicating his life to God. An encounter with God should not leave you the same. If God has truly been in your life: Your priorities will change, Your devotion will deepen, your commitment will grow.

My dearly beloved, "Lord, let Your presence dwell in my life, not as a visitor, but as a resident. Transform my home, my heart, and everything connected to me. Let my life become a testimony that where you are, blessing follows. In Jesus' name, Amen."

First Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-12

Second Bible Reading: Psalm 28: 6-9

2026 Motto--This is my year of Divine Fulfillment.

According to Isaiah 55: 11, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" According to Romans 8: 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. The glory and power of God protect and direct me this year and enable me to succeed in every aspect of my life. Almighty God covers me with his safety blanket this year and I abide under His shadow. I decree that this year is pleasant for me and my family. Wherever I go people see the glory of God shining upon my life. God's goodness favor and mercy rests upon me wherever I go this year. Almighty God makes a way for me to breakthrough in every aspect of my life. I am an overcomer. Grace and mercy are my daily companions. I abide everyday under the secret place of the most high God. The forces of heaven protect and defend me. This is a year of outstanding testimonies and triumph for me. I receive grace to walk with God faithfully and stand with God in prayer. **2026** delivers my expected blessings and miracles. My divine inheritance of peace and joy shall not be compromised. I reject spiritual, physical and financial embarrassment this year. According to Job 8:22; those that hate me shall be clothed with shame. I am not an image of failure, and I am not fashioned after the likeness of a God of the tail. I am the salt of the earth and inside of me is every Excellency of the power of God. According to Joel 2:4, my appearance is as the appearance of a horse, so I leap high like mighty men and if I fall upon the sword, it cannot hurt me. I seek first the Kingdom of God; therefore, everything I need is added unto me. I shall not labor in vain. I walk every day in victory. God's plans for my destiny are fulfilled.

Jehovah is my rock and fortress. The everlasting God equips me and carries me through this year. I will not die prematurely; I experience all round wellness. It is well with me in Jesus mighty name.

REGULAR SERVICES:

Worker's prayer meeting @ 9.30 a.m. -10. 00a.m

Sunday School @ 10.00 a.m. -10.45 a.m.

Sunday Service@ 11.00a.m-12.30 p.m.

Digging Deep-Every Tuesday 7p.m-8p.m

Wednesday prayer meeting @ 7.30p.m-8. 00p.m

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Early morning cry-Every First Saturday of the month-

7 a.m-8 a.m. prompt

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ORDER OF SERVICE

1. OPENING PRAYER
2. PRAISE AND WORSHIP
3. INTERCESSION
4. BIBLE READING
5. ANNOUNCEMENT
6. WELCOME OF GUESTS
7. OFFERING
8. SPECIAL MINISTRATION
9. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
10. EXHORTATION
11. CLOSING GRACE AND BENEDICTION

Congregational Hymn

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside. [Refrain]

**JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY,
AND TODAY, AND FOREVER" HEBREWS
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