Allen Temple Baptist Church Sunday School Live

Sunday November 5, 2023

Title: The Ark Comes to Jerusalem

Text: I Chronicles 15:1-3, 14-16, 25-28

Devotional: 1st Chronicles 13:1-14

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LESSON INTRODUCTION

1ST CORINTHIANS 13, 14, 15.

- 1. DAVID'S 1st ATTEMPT TO RETURN THE ARK.
- 2. DAVID EXPANDS & DEFEATS PHILISTINES.
- 3. PREPARATION FOR THE 2ND TRANSFER

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7-8

⁷ So they carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. 8 Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:9-10

⁹ And when they came to Chidon's threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen ^[e]stumbled. ¹⁰ Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzza, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark; and he died there before God.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. Always Obey Gods Commands

2. Good Intentions Must Align With God's Will.

3. Consequences for Disobedience

LESSON OUTLINES

- 1. Preparing for the Ark of the Covenant (1 Chronicles 15:1–3, 14–16)
- 2. Bringing the Ark to Jerusalem (vv. 25–28)

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 1-2 NKJV

Vs.1 David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it. ² Then David said, "No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever."

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 3 NKJV

³ And David gathered all Israel together at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD to its place, which he had prepared for it.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. What different behaviors did David display?
- 2. What likely changed his actions?

3. What can we learn from this experience?

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 14-15 NKJV

¹⁴ So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. 15 And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:25-26 NKJV

²⁵ So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-Edom with joy. ²⁶ And so it was, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:27 NKJV

²⁷ David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master with the singers. David also wore a linen ephod.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:28 NKJV

²⁸ Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. PREPARATION FOR SERVING GOD REQUIRES THE UTMOST RESPECT.

2. GLORY & HONOR BELONGS TO GOD

3. WHEN WE SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL & REFLECT ON HIS BLESSINGS, JOY COMES.

Liberating Lesson

All of us lead lives that are full of tasks, that must be complete. Often these obligations cause us to rush from one thing to another, not giving each item the proper care, it deserves. Do Not allow the busyness of life cause you to put GOD on the Back Burner.

APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION

Identify a time when you took part in ministry but afterward you felt unchanged. Now ask yourself what you could have done, or not done, to assist in ushering in God's presence. Jot down three things you can do, or not do, in order to enhance your worship experience. Implement these things the next time you have an opportunity.

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