

KESSID SERMON NOTES



Sermon
"Worthy of it All"

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Coram Deo: "Before the face of God"

Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

- A Description of God the Father: Is the fountain of divine love. He is the source of the encouragement we receive in the Scriptures, in the answers to our prayers, in the grace of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and in all the other blessings we receive. As the source of all, He is to be served as the object of all. He is the One to whom we respond with love, prayers worship and adoration.

A Constant Biblical Call to Seek the Face of the Father...

(Vs) Psalm 27:8 – "My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek."

(Vs) 1 Chronicles 16:11 & Psalm 105:4 – "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."

(Vs) Psalm 17:15 – "As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness."

There's a point inside the story of Israel when they are given a place to go and seek the face of the Lord...

- At this point, God has made a Covenant with His children Israel...
- As a sign of His covenant He had the Israelites make a box according to His own design, in which to place things reminding them of His Worthiness...
- This chest was to be housed in the inner sanctum of the tabernacle in the desert and eventually in the Temple when it was built in Jerusalem.
- This chest is known as the Ark of the Covenant.

The Ark of The Covenant:

- The Ark of the Covenant was a rectangular box, not quite four feet in length and a little over two feet in depth and width.
- It was constructed of wood and plated with gold. Its lid of solid gold was called the Mercy Seat.
- Two cherubim, angel-like figures at either end, framed the space around the central Mercy Seat from which God's Word was honored.

The Ark contained three items: the tablets of stone that Moses had delivered to the people from Sinai; a jar of manna from the wilderness years of wandering; and Aaron's rod that budded.

These objects were the continuing and reminding evidence that God worked among them:

- Commanded them (The Tablets)
- Provided for them (The Manna)
- Saved them (The Rod)

"The Ark provided a center, giving a hard, historical focus to the revealed character (Worthiness) of the God whom they worshipped."

(Vs) Exodus CH 25: 21,22 – "And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel."

Fast forward 480 years or so... and you have the reign of King David.

- The Ark of the Covenant had been captured by the Philistines thirty years earlier... around the 29th year of King Saul's reign.
- The Ark was in the Philistines' possession for 7 months. In consequence of the plagues that came on each city where the Ark was kept in Philistia, it was reluctantly returned by them to Israel.
- Since then it has been marooned for thirty years in the house of the priest Abinadab...

David the King enters the picture...

- Having just established his rule in Jerusalem, David decides to bring the Ark to his new capital, signaling that Zion is not only the place from which David rules but also the place where God is worshiped
- *(Vs) 2nd Samuel Ch. 6:1-8* - The Ark and Death of Uzzah
- What happened?

Uzzah the Priest: Was a priest and protector of the Ark.

He was one of two sons of Abinadab...

- He had grown up with the Ark... Think about this...
- *(Vs) 2nd Samuel Ch. 6:9-12a* - Obed-edoms house of blessing. David considers this...

Realizes: Whether King or Priest, God demands we never forget that He is Worthy!

- Both Uzzah and so David had become Casual with God the Father
- David realizes he had not treated God with worth! – He and all of Israel had followed the Philistine method of making a new cart and attaching Oxen to it

(Vs) Num. 4:14 – "And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die."

- Eventually David understands that God isn't going to accept men's ways of doing religion

David Brings the Ark Home: *(Vs) 2nd Samuel Ch. 6: 12b–15 – "...So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. ¹³ And when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. ¹⁴ And David danced before the Lord with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the horn."*

Paul who at one time was also reminded of Gods Worthiness proclaims...

(Vs) Ephesians 3:14-21 NIV – " For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."