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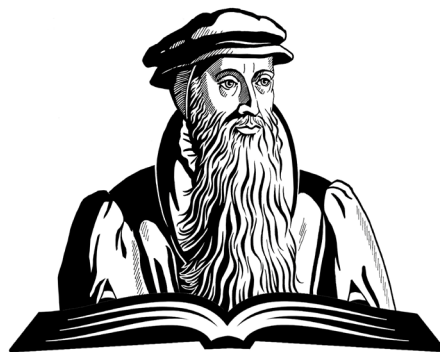
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Lesson 59

Fetching the Ark

The Second Book of Samuel, chapters 6 thru 10

Memory Verse

“And David said unto him, Fear not, for I will surely show unto thee kindness for Jonathan thy father’s sake.”

2 Samuel 9:7a

Historical Summary

One of the first acts of David as king was to fetch the ark of God from its temporary resting place in Gibeah. It was David’s desire that the symbol of God’s presence would again be with him in Jerusalem. But he transported the ark on a cart with oxen, rather than on the shoulders of priests as God had required, and God showed his displeasure in the death of Uzzah when the oxen stumbled and he reached out to steady the ark. This time the ark was transported properly,



carried on the shoulders of Levites, and placed in a tent in the City of David. It was a great celebration, and David stopped and made sacrifices to the Lord every six paces. And David danced before the Lord, however, his wife, Michal, ridiculed him for his behavior.

It was also David’s desire to build a house for God. However, because he was a man of war, God would not allow him to build it. God would only allow Solomon, his son, to build it. When Nathan the prophet told David that this is what God had said, David willingly submitted and worshipped God for this instruction, and made many preparations for the building of God’s house one day.

David’s war with the Philistines was continuous. God’s command to subdue and destroy them was very clear. Through his military victories, David acquired much wealth, destroyed many wicked men, subdued the remainder, and gained the land which God had promised. Thereby he acquired much wealth and honor, and his kingdom would be established. There was no greater king in all of Israel’s history than King David.

David’s military victories were many. God used David to punish and destroy the Philistines, who always set themselves against Israel. David also slew the Syrians who supported the Philistines. Sometimes he simply destroyed the Philistines and all that pertained unto them. At other times, he took captives and made them servants, and dedicated the spoils of war for building

the house of God. David was God's hand to establish Israel as a strong, powerful, independent nation.

Even though David had become a strong and mighty king, he always had a tender feeling towards the house of Saul. He asked Ziba, Saul's servant, if there were any of Saul's family left. It was learned that Saul had a grandson, Mephibosheth, who was crippled from infancy. He was located and brought to Jerusalem, and David took care of him and his household for the rest of their lives.

But David sometimes showed kindness even to his enemies. This kindness was also shown to Heman, the king of the Amorites, when his father Nahash died. David sent messengers to console him. But the Amorites were suspicious of David's motive, and treated the messengers shamefully. When a war erupted, Heman asked the Syrians for help, but David was able to defeat both armies because the Lord was with David.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

The ark of God was a symbol of God's presence to the people of Israel. Therefore, they cherished its possession, and when it was taken away, they were confounded. It is true that some wicked people did not care at all for the ark. Others thought that by just possessing the ark, they could force God to be with them. But the true believers in Israel knew that God would accept them only by faith in the coming Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. They knew that faith in the Messiah means repentance, confession of sin, and a pleading for forgiveness. David knew God's presence, and he rejoiced when he saw the ark returned to Israel. He hoped that God's true presence would soon return to the people of Israel.

Questions

1. What happened in the house of Obed-edom when the ark tarried there some months?
 - a. They were blessed by the Lord.
 - b. They were stricken with emerods.
 - c. Their cattle died.
 - d. The number of children increased greatly.
2. Why was David not allowed to build the house of God during his lifetime?
 - a. He was a bloody man who had killed many in wars
 - b. He spent his life building other buildings
 - c. He killed two men who were fighting with each other.
 - d. He didn't have enough money and supplies.
3. Which of the following did David NOT do to establish his kingdom?
 - a. Killed many enemies
 - b. Collected the spoils of war
 - c. Placed men in important positions
 - d. Paid taxes to other kings.

4. What did David do with the spoils of war in 2 Samuel 8?
 - a. He buried them at the base of a mountain.
 - b. He distributed them to his mighty men of war
 - c. He dedicated them unto the Lord
 - d. He used them to build a large temple in Shiloh
5. How do we know David always felt love and respect for the house of Saul?
 - a. He killed Ziba who was an enemy of Saul
 - b. He took care of Mephiboseth
 - c. He provided the spoils of war to Saul's family
 - d. He built a city of Saul's descendents.
6. What did Heman do to David's messengers who came to comfort him when his father died?
 - a. He thanked them for their sympathy.
 - b. He made a great feast for them.
 - c. He treated them shamefully and sent them away
 - d. He killed them

Discussions

1. Why did Michal ridicule David for rejoicing before the ark when it came to Jerusalem?

2. David desired to build a house for God. What did this show about his heart?

3. David established the earthly kingdom of Israel, as God promised. How is that earthly kingdom like the spiritual kingdom of Jesus Christ? How is it different?

4. Many years later, at the time of Christ, Israel was looking for a Messiah, who like David, would drive away their enemies. What did they misunderstand?

5. After the Syrians and the Ammonites were both defeated, what attitude did they have towards David and toward Israel?

6. What was the real meaning of the ark? What were the false opinions people in Israel had about the ark?
