

Message: The ministry of Obed Edom (The Ark in your care)

Memory verse: 1 Samuel 2:30 KJV Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

Bible reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-12 KJV Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. [2] And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the Lord of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims. [3] And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. [4] And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. [5] And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. [6] And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. [7] And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. [8] And David was displeased, because the Lord had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perez-uzzah to this day. [9] And David was afraid of the Lord that day, and said, How shall the ark of the Lord come to me? [10] So David would not remove the ark of the Lord unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. [11] And the ark of the Lord continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the Lord blessed Obed-edom, and all his household. [12] And it was told king David, saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

Obed Edom accepted divine instruction to keep the Ark and was blessed, the ark was brought to his house by king David, he accepted it, looked after it and was blessed by the Almighty, what are you doing with the Ark of God in your care?

The Ark is the presence and fullness of God in your life
The gift of God in you
The work of God committed to your hands.....

Beloved, hear the good news, the work of the lord when done righteously with pure and clean heart comes with blessings (unimaginable blessings) greater than what man can give....

Strangely and sadly, Uzzah tried to rescue the Ark from falling and was killed but the same Ark stayed with Obed Edom and was blessed....

Hear this beloved in **Leviticus 10:1-2 KJV** And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. [2] And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.

God will not kill me because of his assignment in my life
I shall not abuse the grace upon my head in the name of Jesus
O lord help me to always wait upon thee in the name of Jesus

Prayer

1. Deliver me O lord from the spirit of self righteousness in the name of Jesus
2. Help me O lord to submit to those in authority in the name of Jesus
3. My father give me the grace to be faithful with my assignment in the name of Jesus
4. Jesus Christ of Nazareth help me and uphold me so that I will not fail thee in the name of Jesus
5. The lord that blessed Obed Edom shall bless me through my service in his vineyard in the name of Jesus