

Power, Place, People
Obed-Edom's Place – The Power Evident
2 Samuel 6:1-12

Introduction:

1. David had just become king of the united tribes of Israel
2. He had taken steps to create a national capital in Jerusalem
3. The tabernacle was in disrepair and the Levites were no longer diligent
4. The Ark of the Covenant was also not there
5. The Ark represented the immediate Presence and Glory of God
6. For the last 70 years the ark was at the home of Abinadab

The Return of the Ark:

1. God had instructed that the Ark be handled in a particular way
2. He wanted nothing mechanical about the Ark
3. We can imagine what these men thought – *“we have a new cart for the Lord”*
4. We do that as well – hitch God to what we are doing
5. John Wesley *“It is not new things we need, but new fire”*
6. Uzzah (Strength), Ahio (Friendly) drove the new cart
7. Much service for the Lord is like that – all the design and production is prayed for but how many inquire of God beforehand?
8. This was a good thing done the wrong way
9. It was a great production but God was not pleased
10. We often judge the worship experience by the way we feel
11. But worship is about pleasing God
12. The cart hit a pothole and Uzzah reached out to steady it and instantly died
13. ***Numbers 4:15 “they shall not touch any holy thing lest they die”***
14. And so, the Ark stayed at the home of Obed-Edom for 3 months
15. When God's word is obeyed blessings follow

On the move, again:

1. This time David moves the ark the right way
2. There is God's way and our way
3. For the Christian, the bible is our authoritative source
4. One of the synonyms for sin is transgression – this means to “go beyond” or to “step beyond the bounds which the Lord has set”
5. So, who was Obed-Edom?
6. In this story, the believer is illustrated - we can see ourselves here
7. ***“You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”***
8. ***“Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD?”***
9. The Ark is a type of the presence of God and was in Obed-Edom's house

10. So how can we bring the Ark into my home?
11. It comes by way of salvation
12. It comes by putting the Word of God into practice
13. **1 Chronicles 13:14** he was *“blessed in all that he had”*

A Powerful Lesson:

1. David was stunned by what had happened
2. Imagine this happening outside your home and then the King knocks on your door

A Personal Choice:

1. Obed-Edom makes a choice – he invites the Presence of God into his home
2. He says yes to God into every part of his life
3. Real faith begins in the heart and lives in your home

The Opportune Time:

1. Life is filled with opportunities
2. Can you imagine the three months the Ark was there?
3. God is knocking on the door of someone’s heart today

Time for the Word of God:

1. In essence, he had welcomed the Word of God into his home
2. The reason for our emptiness is because we only hear the Word of God at church
3. To walk with God, we need the Word of God in our house – in our heart – in our mind – on a daily basis

The Peace of God

1. Aarons’ Rod was when there was strife and God’s people were complaining
2. Obed-Edom’s house was filled with peace because of the Presence of God there
3. Let us recommit our lives to the Lord

The Results:

1. He became a singer for the Lords (**1 Chronicles 16:4-16**)
2. He became a servant for the Lord – a gatekeeper in the Lord’s house
3. He became a soul winner for the Lord (**1 Chronicles 16:37-38**) – 68 people in total
4. Someone has said, *“To our forefathers, our faith was an experience. To our fathers, our faith was an inheritance; to us our faith is a convenience. To our children, our faith is a nuisance.”*

Conclusion:

1. A simple farmer left behind a testimony
2. It all begins with a commitment to let Jesus into your heart and your house
3. There is no greater blessing than that