

THE ARK OF GOD COMES HOMES – PROPER PLACES



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MORNING READING

God's Eternity and the Brevity of Human Life

Psalm 90:1-6 –BOOK 4

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

3 You turn mortals back into dust

And say, "Return, you sons of mankind."

**4 For a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it passes by,
Or like a watch in the night.**

**5 You have swept them away like a flood,
they fall asleep; In the morning they are
like grass that sprouts anew.**

**6 In the morning it flourishes and sprouts
anew; Toward evening it wilts and withers
away.**

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

- 1 You shall have no other gods before Me.
- 2 You shall not make idols.
- 3 You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
- 4 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 5 Honor your father and your mother.
- 6 You shall not murder.
- 7 You shall not commit adultery.
- 8 You shall not steal.
- 9 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 10 You shall not covet.

2A: BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BORN, OR YOU GAVE BIRTH TO THE EARTH & THE WORLD.

2B: EVEN FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING, YOU ARE GOD.

PS90:3 “YOU TURN MAN BACK INTO DUST AND SAY, “RETURN O CHILDREN OF MEN”

PS90:4 – FOR A THOUSAND YEARS IN YOUR SIGHT ARE LIKE YESTERDAY WHEN IT PASSES BY, OR AS A WATCH IN THE NIGHT.

Isaiah 55:8-9 New International Version

8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.

9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

SERMON

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1ST SAMUEL:4 – 1-10, AND 1ST SAMUEL 5 NIV

4 And Samuel's word came to all Israel.

The Philistines Capture the Ark

Now the Israelites went out to fight against the Philistines. The Israelites camped at Ebenezer, and the Philistines at Aphek. 2 The Philistines deployed their forces to meet Israel, and as the battle spread, Israel was defeated by the

Philistines, who killed about four thousand of them on the battlefield. 3 When the soldiers returned to camp, the elders of Israel asked, “Why did the LORD bring defeat on us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the LORD’s covenant from Shiloh, so that he may go with us and save us from the hand of our enemies.”

4 So the people sent men to Shiloh, and they brought back the ark of the

covenant of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim. And Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. 5 When the ark of the LORD's covenant came into the camp, all Israel raised such a great shout that the ground shook. 6 Hearing the uproar, the Philistines asked, "What's all this shouting in the Hebrew camp?"

When they learned that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp, 7 the Philistines were afraid. “A god has[a] come into the camp,” they said. “Oh no! Nothing like this has happened before. 8 We’re doomed! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? They are the gods who struck the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness. 9 Be strong, Philistines! Be men, or you will be subject to the Hebrews, as they have

been to you. Be men, and fight!”

10 So the Philistines fought, and the Israelites were defeated and every man fled to his tent. The slaughter was very great; Israel lost thirty thousand foot soldiers. 11 The ark of God was captured, and Eli’s two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

1 Samuel 5:1-12 KGV

5 And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod. 2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

8 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark

**of the God of Israel? And they answered,
Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried
about unto Gath. And they carried the
ark of the God of Israel about thither.**

**9 And it was so, that, after they had
carried it about, the hand of the LORD
was against the city with a very great
destruction: and he smote the men of the
city, both small and great, and they had
emerods in their secret parts.**

10 Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people. 11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly

destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

Isaiah 49:6

6 and He said: 'It is a light thing that Thou shouldest be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel.

I will also give Thee for a light to the Gentiles, that Thou mayest be My salvation unto the end of the earth.”

1SAM 4: 2

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Proverbs 24:16 New International Version

**for though the righteous fall seven times,
they rise again, but the wicked stumble
when calamity strikes.**

1 Samuel 2:12 - GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)

**12 Eli's sons, [Hophni and Phinehas,]
were good-for-nothing priests; they had
no faith in the LORD.**

2 SAMUEL 2:17

The sin of Eli's sons was a serious matter to the LORD, because these men were treating the offerings made to the LORD with contempt.

1ST SAM 2:24-25

24 No, my sons; for the report is not good which I hear the LORD'S people circulating.

1ST SAM 2: 25

If one person sins against another, God will mediate for him; but if a person sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?” But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the LORD desired to put them to death

Psalm 50:16-17 King James Version

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,

**or that thou shouldest take my covenant
in thy mouth?**

**17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and
casteth my words behind thee.**

1 SAMUEL 4: 4

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they brought back the ark of the
covenant of the LORD Almighty, who is
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1SAM 7:B

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