

## The Tabernacle of David

(Gods House Restored in Worship, Reverence & Intimacy in the latter days)

Acts 15:16,17 'After this I will return & rebuild the fallen tent (skene – dwelling place) of David Its ruins I will rebuild & I will restore it So that the remnant of men may seek the Lord & all the Gentiles who are called by My name says the Lord who does these things'

Amos 9:11,12 'In that day I will restore the fallen tent (sukkah- temporary dwelling) of David I will repair its gaps, restore its ruins & rebuild it, as the days of old that they may possess the remnant of Edom & all the nations that bear My name declares the Lord who will do this' (Berean Study Bible)

The prophet Amos predicted God would restore again the Tabernacle of David, so that all the Gentiles would seek after the Lord The reason for the restoration of David's Tabernacle was, that the remnant of Edom & the Gentiles called by His name would be possessed by God Edom was the name given to Esau & his descendants Esau was Isaac son, who sold his birthright to Jacob God is interested in possessing all those who have sold their birthright (given enemy right) which all mankind did through Adam

### I WILL RESTORE/REBUILD GODS HOUSE

Why? David's & why not Moses or Solomon's Tabernacle

We know David's first attempt was a disaster – handling eras – Uzziah died after he tried to stabilize what God had shaken God doesn't think like we do Gods ways are not our ways

3 months later David's sees greatly blessed household of Obed-edom, a Gittite from Gath, a Philistine  
2 Sam 6:11 (Forerunner of us Gentiles)

His motive was right but his method was wrong

15 miles by foot on shoulder of priests David didn't consult God, on how to move it, on poles by priests (consecrated ones) **1 Chron 15:2,11-15** Did it Gods way this time

We are His royal priesthood because the Cross 1 Pet 2:9 carriers of His presence

Let me outline some reasons

**1 It had little structure & was more about the event** (I did it my way)

Churches today are more about structure & less about event It's the difference between a house & a home (Lk 21:5,6) 'Some of the disciples began talking about the majestic stonework of the Temple & the memorial decorations on the walls But Jesus said The time is coming when all these things will be completely demolished Not one stone will be left on top of another'

The construction was temporary & transitional

Reminded of tent meetings Kathryn Kuhlman, Billy Sunday, Aimee McPherson

Temporary dwelling not permanent structure/fixture

We cram the holy things of God in a new cart of mans making thinking God will be pleased

We can't get the world to go to Church as it has nothing to offer, it so we lower our standards SS

Don't try to transport My glory on your rickety manmade programmes, methods & agendas

You can't have your cart & My Ark Its one or the other

**2 It was a place of passion rather than a palace**

We get caught up in our lovely buildings ie Crystal Cathedral rather than His presence After all this was a makeshift shelter, it barely qualified as a Tabernacle, compared to Solomon's especially 1 Kings 9:6-8 You

see it was a tarp stretched over some tent poles, to shield the Ark from the sun & the elements  
Passionate pursuit of God to rectify the situation – bloody sacrifice – we'd rather serve than sacrifice  
Presents over presence Seek anointing rather than God giver of the anointing

### **3 It impressed God & what impresses man are 2 very different things**

God didn't pull David's Tabernacle down, it fall down (Babylonians) If it's propped up by man it will fall  
Nothing that is held up or sustained, by eternal God can fall down

Do you think God is impressed by our church buildings?

Not bless me club get – give (got it all wrong) And where doing for the wrong reason based on self/pride

### **4 It was constructed from the heart not the head**

David was a man after Gods own heart This Tabernacle was brought about because, David wanted Gods  
presence, to take central place 1 Sam 13:14 'a man after mine own heart which shall fulfill my will'

Acts 13:22 David pursued Gods presence **Ps 134**

His motive was to restore the presence of the Lord, to the centre of the Nation David refused to offer to  
God that which cost him nothing Many aren't interested in paying any price for God's presence

### **5 It was a dwelling place of God, so that at anytime, His people could experience His presence**

Entrance yearly by High Priest No More

There was no veil that separated God from man There were no walls The veil was torn from top to  
bottom Matt 27:51 God to man because God dosen't want separation, He dosen't visiting hours he  
wants custody Veil was so thick a fabric that once torn. couldn't be repaired

David established free access to the Father Eph 3:18

### **6 It was a place of visitation not a temporary fix till next time**

We want God encounters but God wants man encounters

The Ark was placed on Mt Zion, not replaced at Gidoen **2 Chron 1:1-4** (Moses Tabernacle was where  
there were sacrifices, were still being made) Davids tabernacle there were sacrifices (us on the altar)  
note no Ark, no presence This wasn't going to be a place of temporary visitation

Missed visitation becomes legalism without revelation With revelation comes responsibility

Visitation needs to become habitation Key to visitation of the Spirit into habitation of the Spirit is  
recognizing Him honoring Him, reverencing Him, loving Him & worshipping Him

'When David began to talk about bringing the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem he wasn't interested  
in the gold covered box with its artifacts inside it He was interested in the blue flame that hovered  
between the out stretched wings of the cherubim on top of the ark That is what he wanted because  
there was something about the flame that signified that God Himself was present And whatever that  
glory or that manifested presence of God went there was victory power & blessing Intimacy will bring  
about blessing but the pursuit of blessing won't always bring about intimacy' taken from

The God Chasers by Tommy Tenny

Ark was gold covered wooden box & lid fitted with solid gold figures of 2 Cherubim facing each other  
with outstretched wings – the space between them was called the mercy seat – this is where the flame  
of God's presence hovered (Shekinah Glory) Mercy seat built to glorify God

In it were 3 items A gold jar of manna meaning substance of life, the living Word Lk 4:4 Ex 16:33,34

Aarons rod Num 17:5 authority, anointing & fruitfulness

Moses tablet of stone Heb 9:3,4 righteousness, holiness

## **7 It was a place of intimacy rather than a place of dignity**

David valued the things God valued, intimate encounters with God – embarrassing to those who don't partake, just audience not partakers Michal valued her dignity over deity David danced

Modern day Michal's value dignity over intimacy

David wasn't interested on gold he wanted the flame of Gods glory

You can't preserve your dignity & seek His deity You can't save your face & seek His face

Beautiful churches, music & great preaching but is the flame of Glory present If there isn't lite there'll be no fire just barren beautiful buildings & cold hollow hearts Intimacy comes from worship **2 Sam 6:12-19**

Gone was the restrictions, legalism, old Tabernacle

Men in outer, Jews in inner & priests in Holy of Holies

Barren churches turn their backs on intimate worship

The churches reluctance to pay the high cost of intimate worship is the root cause of our barrenness

She was barren like many churches not producing fruit labors

Barrenness is always a result of a lack of intimacy – barren worshippers **2 Sam 24:24**

'The Bride of Christ has grown accustomed to living in the Kings house in His absence If she would return to the passion & hunger of her first love, she would never be so content unless the King himself were present, with her in the house Instead the modern day church seems to stir up just enough at the Masters knock to moan No not now Cant it wait I have a headache After all I have already taken my shoes off & propped up my feet Do I have to open the door right now?'

Gods Favorite House T Tenny

## **8 It was a place of continual worship not once a week**

Worshippers encircled Ark & ministered 24/7 They came around Gods presence

Everyone could see the Glory of God it was available to ALL

David was a worshipper his passion was to worship God he told Levites who were going to leave to stay COST involved (literally a huge cost)

Only dead men can see His face

No Shekinah glory in church, because we have lost our ability to host the Holy Spirit

The worship comprised of singers, musicians, thanksgiving, clapping, raising hands, shouting, dancing & worship Ps 150 Corporate worship **Heb 12:22-24** but also intimate worship

Brought unity as they focused on the Lord not petty stuff

Seeks Worshippers **Jn 4:21,23,24** lost worship

The departure from established worship with its sacrifice's & separation

**Ps 22:3** enthroned on praises – build throne for God to sit on

Why? build David's Tabernacle again Because God longs for a place of intimate worship between Himself & His people

What is the purpose of the Church it's the meeting place between God & man

## **IF YOU BUILD IT I WILL COME**

Wherever the Ark is that's where I am/ that's where I'm going (moving)

When was the last time God showed up in His House

There are two things the actual & the ideal To be mature is to see the ideal & live in the actual To fail is to accept the actual & reject the ideal & to accept only that which is ideal & refuse the actual is to be immature Do not criticize the actual because you have seen the ideal Do not reject the ideal because you see the actual Maturity is to live with the actual but hold onto the ideal (Derek Prince)