

2 Samuel 6:12

Now King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went down and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing



Ark of the Covenant

- **tablets of stone of Mt. Sinai**
(representing how God commanded them)
- **a jar of manna from wilderness wanderings**
(representing how God provided for them)
- **Aaron's rod**
(representing how God saved them)

Ark of God = presence of God

"Humility recedes as leadership advances...the role of leader almost inevitably replaces the role of follower. Instead of continuing as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we become bosses on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes we are very good bosses, looking out for the welfare of our employees; other times, barely disguised pious bullies."
– Eugene Peterson

2 Samuel 6:13-15,17

13 When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. 14 David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, 15 while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets...17 They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD.



The Priestly Ephod



Priestly Underwear

Psalms 24:7-8

7 Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.



- **When a nation is drifting, God uses leaders, who are worshipers, to turn things around.**
- **When the church prioritizes presence, the nation gets renewal.**

"...the modern church's best-kept secret is this: we believe in productivity, not prayer. We believe in solid programs, above-average teaching, and yet another worship album release. That's success right? The church's underground atheism in our time is that we will busy ourselves with almost anything except prayer." – Tyler Staton



Rodney "Gipsy" Smith (1860-1947)



Born in a tent outside of London, never formally educated yet lectured at Harvard & was invited by two different presidents to the White House. Traveled across Atlantic 45 times, preaching Christ to thousands. They say few spoke with the passion of Gipsy Smith. When a group of younger pastors met Gipsy, they asked him how God could use them in the same manner, he replied...

"Go home. Lock yourself in your room. Kneel down in the middle of the floor, and with a piece of chalk draw a circle around yourself.

There, on your knees, pray fervently and brokenly that God would start a revival within that chalk circle."

Near the end of this life, he was reflecting on a conversation with a group of teenagers who had come to hear him speak. They said to Gipsy, "Oh, he's only dreaming..."

He pulled out a pen and wrote these words to a song he entitled, "Not Dreaming."

*The world says I'm dreaming, but I know 'tis Jesus
Who saves me from bondage and sin's guilty stain;
He is my Lover, my Saviour, my Master,
'Tis He who has freed me from guilt and its pain.*

*Let me dream on if I am dreaming;
Let me dream on, My sins are gone;
Night turns to dawn, Love's light is beaming,
So if I'm dreaming, Let me dream on.*