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***How Do You Carry The Ark Of God?  
Or Your Witness?***

The Ark of God or the Ark of the Covenant; with the Ten Commandments, being God's testimony respecting His own Holiness and the people's sins; and a pot of manna; and Aaron's budding rod in it; how can it, The Ark of God, and I, be a witness???

Have you resumed it's appearing since its' disappearance during the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 587 BC??? The Ark of God was also called the Ark of the Testimony, which is also a witness, whether it is by a person or by a thing bearing witness!!!!

You have read many times in scripture where just by the presence of the Ark of God, men were humbled, frightened and or killed if not handled properly and correctly. You have also read, where the Ark's power from God caused a river to part, city walls to crumble to the ground and armies were defeated, the enemies of the Israelites.

With all that is said in scripture about the Ark of God, it was a Holy object, a rectangular box made of acacia wood measuring 4 x 2 x 2 1/2 feet. The whole box was covered with gold and carried on poles inserted in rings at the four lower corners. The lid or the mercy seat was a gold plate surrounded by two antithetically-placed (or opposite, facing each other) cherubs with outstretched wings.

Can you say that the Ark of God bore witness to others, the love, the power and or the respect of God? Witness, is to bear witness, to testify, a testimony!!! Many, many scriptures bear witness of the Ark of God's testimony of His own Holiness and people's sin. In the New Testament, there is no example of a '*thing*' as bearer of witness. **Only people were bearers of witness and they, if you can stand to be one, were or will be called martyrs!!!! Uh, Oh!!!!** In Acts of the Apostles 22:20 and Revelation

2:13 and 17:6 you will read three definitions of the term martyr, “*And when the blood of Thy martyr Stephen was shed, I (Saul) also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him. ... I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast My name, and hast not denied My faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. ... And I saw the woman ... (“... Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.” Revelation 17:5.) ... drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*” **DOUBLE, TRIPLE, Uh, Oh!!!!** The blood of the saints, stoned, denial of pleasures of man, blood, martyrdom????! Continuing martyrs’ definition, and the one which has become the most common, is one which has proven the strength and **genuineness** of his faith in Christ by undergoing a most **VIOLENT DEATH!!!!**

To leave this text for a moment, isn’t your flesh, your manly ways and I speak of womanly ways also, the most devastating pull against your walk with Jesus Christ? I mean, it is the hardest thing to put down!!! **It is the only thing you HAVE to put down to become a saint or martyr!!!!!!** Your pulls on your flesh, we all know it is being led by Satan, as Jesus in Revelation 2:13; because, it is where we live presently, in Satan’s own seat, his throne, in his kingdom of this world!!!! Put on the name of Jesus and hold fast to Him, not ever abandoning Him!!!!

If you have noticed, and I’m sure you have, the martyrs were killed and their blood shed because of their undeniable faith in Jesus. **THIS IS A WITNESS!!!!** You read three accounts, one each by Saul or Paul, one by Jesus and one by John, of the martyrs, and they all told of death and blood!

Can you be God’s Ark of the Testimony???? Can you carry the Ark as your witness? Can you hold fast to Jesus’ name? Can you prove your strength and genuineness of your faith in Christ when undergoing this pull, this hold, or the bondages by Satan, and become a **martyr???? Oh, no!!!!?** Dieing, shedding of blood and maybe even being stoned or whipped???? Can you be an Ark of the Testimony???? Can you change from your old ways and take a stand for Jesus in your life as these martyr’s did???

What is the ark of a witness? Do you remember when the Ark was transported, that the people knew what it was and what it stood for, even the people of different religions, the idol worshippers, the pagan worshippers and the sacrificers of children, and such? Nothing had to be said, no explanations, no ceremonies and no great speeches, **just the appearance of the Ark of God, was its' own testimony????**

Everything the Ark of God stood for, even to what was inside of it, is our testimony today, isn't it???? **WELL, IT SHOULD BE!!!** The Ark was gold for our purification, as refined gold, in Malachi 3:3; it had a mercy seat on it between two cherubs, our propitiation, Jesus Christ, Romans 3:25; *“And He shall sit as a Refiner and Purifer of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. ... Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;”*.

In 2 Corinthians 3:2,3, the tablets of God are written in our hearts, and not on stone as the Ten Commandments are written in the Ark, *“Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the Living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly table of the heart.”*

The pot of manna inside the Ark of the Covenant is used by God to teach lessons for spiritual instructions as well as physical sustenance. The pot of manna was prepared by Aaron at God's command and put in the Ark as a witness for future generations, Exodus 16:33,34, and Hebrews 9:4, *“And Moses said unto Aaron, take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations. As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. ... Which had the golden censer, and the Ark of the Covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;”* Or, the Ten Commandments.

Aaron's budding rod was kept in the Ark of the Covenant on the table of stones or the covenant, the Ten Commandments, for us to see the new life with Jesus from a dead person in sin; as we are or were, as the rod was a witness against further rebellion or of sin, Numbers 17:1-11, "*And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be the head of the house of their fathers. And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from Me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you. And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their father's houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle or witness. And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds. And Moses brought out all the rods from before the Lord unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod. And the Lord said unto Moses, bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from Me, that they die not. And Moses did so: as the Lord commanded him, so did he.*" This rod should signify to us, as the tablets are written in our heart, and the manna is our sustenance, that the rod is our life giving chance from a body born in sin and to death, that we are this **WITNESS, THE ARK OF THE TESTIMONY OF GOD!!!!**

How do you carry the Ark of the Covenant, your testimony, your witness????? In your life today, do you carry the Ark correctly? Do you set yourself apart from the rest of the world as saints or as martyrs or as an Uzzah???? When the Ark of the God is being carried, or your walk with God; and you stumble, do you heed it's words and commandments and statutes and pay attention and obey God; or, do you just grab hold of anything as Uzzah grabbed hold of the Ark of God and died???? There is a proper way to carry the Ark of God and there is a proper way to carry

yourself, your witness!!! You either obey and live; or, you disobey and die, regardless if you are in Church now or religious!!!! 2 Samuel 6:1-9, ***“Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 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 cheribums. 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. 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. 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 the psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. 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. 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. And David was displeased, because the Lord had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day. And David was afraid of the Lord that day, and said, how shalt the Ark of the Lord come to me?”*** How do you now carry the Ark of God??? Your testimony??? As Uzzah died for disobedience, even to trying to stop the Ark of God from falling, or helping God out, we will also, ***die!!!!*** God just wants our obedience, not our help, just obey Me, God says and do not try to do My job for Me!!!! Sometimes we can be over zealous, just ask me!

God’s blessings will be poured out, either to you, for your obedience; or, as it was to Obedom and all his household, for just being there in the presence of the Ark of God. This is sometimes how others become blessed instead of you, even when they appear to be doing nothing, 2 Samuel 6:10,11, ***“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 Obedom the Gittite. And the Ark of the Lord continued in the house of Obedom three months: and the Lord blessed Obedom, and all his household.”***

And as King David saw Obbedom and his house being blessed, and you can do this also, David went and took hold of the Ark of the Lord the proper way!!!! He, King David, and you can also, can become blessed by God as it is written in 2 Samuel 6:12, *“And it was told King David, saying, the Lord hath blessed the house of Obbedom, 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 Obbedom into the city of David with gladness.”*

As Jesus now is our Ark of God for our propitiation, Paul writes in Hebrews 9:11-17, *“But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the Holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause He is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament (the Old Testament), they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.”* **Are you a witness, have you died a violent death of the flesh, maybe even by stoning, beating, crucified or just dieing of the old man and not bringing him back to life?????** You cannot be a testator, one who testifies for God, or be a witness, **if you have not died**, become martyred, sacrificed your flesh or your old man, as **JESUS ONCE DIED FOR YOU!!!!** In Hebrews 9:28, *“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”* Jesus died once for **ALL** upon the cross. Now you must die to your flesh, **your** sins, for Him to appear the second time unto you without sin for your salvation. **YOU MUST!**

**How do you carry the Ark of God, your own testimony, your witness??????? Are you dead to your flesh, it is a necessity as scripture says, in order to be a witness????**

Statements, then a question or two! *“Man that is born of woman is of a few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.”* Job 14:1,2. And 2 Corinthians 4:1-7 states, *“Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves Your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”*

**THE QUESTION? OR QUESTIONS??** Who are you? What are you? What precedes you? Are you dead? Are you a martyr or a saint? How do you carry your witness???? **IS CHRIST THE THEME IN YOUR MINISTRY OR YOUR LIFE???????** Can you say, or do you want to say, *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.”* Galatians 2:20????? **The final question, THE FINAL QUESTION, DO YOU WANT TO DIE? DEAD?**

To achieve the status of a witness, a testator, an eternal existence with, and for, Jesus Christ, who died for you, you must come to Him! **NOW!** Repeat after me with all sincerity and a wanting change!!!! Father, I’m a sinner, I repent! Forgive me of my sins, I’m tired of being in sin and disobedience. I do not want to be an Uzzah just trying to carry the Ark of God improperly. I want to carry it properly and live with Jesus Christ as His

testator or witness, forever and ever, world without end, eternal in the heavens ....!!!! **GLORY TO GOD, PRAISE YOU JESUS, THANK YOU LORD!!!!** Amen.

*“And it was told King David, saying, the Lord hath blessed the house of Obededom, 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 Obededom into the city of David with gladness.”* 2 Samuel 6:12.

DEFINITELY, THIS IS THE LAST QUESTION IN THIS LETTER!!!! **HAVE YOU?**

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