

## **JEHOVAH IS THE KING OF GLORY**

### **THE PROMISE**

**“The King of Glory will Enter.”**

**Psalm 24:7**

### **MY PROMISE**

**“I will allow the King of Glory to enter into my home.”**

**Reading: Psalms 24:7-10**

### **OPENING**

We often have the tendency as people to lose important things in our lives. Many times that is the results of having lost the sense of value for those things. For example, something that belonged to our great-grandmother like a pendant, a picture, or a ring is passed from place to place. Sometimes we keep it in a shoebox or in a drawer. Sometimes we put it in a cup in the dish cabinet and many times we do not even know if it is real gold or a fake jewel, or who is the person who is in the picture. When we do this, we do not value what we have and so other generations who do not even know that what is being kept is of great value, and so we wind up giving it away or donating it to the Good Will or throwing it in the trash. God does not want us to forget Him. He wants us to know that He is the King of Glory. During this time of Thanksgiving, we should not hide the presence of in any place. We should give Him the best place in our home and celebrate that we have something of great value!

## Family Altar Study

### THE LORD IS THE KING OF GLORY

***Activity: Before celebrating your Thanksgiving Meal, ask each of the members of your family to write a few lines of gratitude, just as King David did. It can be in a poetic form or song. When you sit at the table for your meal ask that they be read aloud before you thank the Lord for your meal.***

1 Chronicles 13:3

*Let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we did not inquire of it during the reign of Saul.*

Do you remember the story? (Read 1 Chronicles 13-15) The ark of God had been taken by the Philistines in an act of insult to the people of God. They had neglected the importance of this very precious object. That object represented the presence of God in the midst of the people. However, they had forgotten and despised it.

It is so easy to forget and despise something that it becomes a custom. Our faith is something of value and cannot be forgotten and as David, we should say “bring” the presence of God to us without taking into account the cost. His presence is the most valuable thing that we have.

THE ARCH ON THE ROAD - 1 Chronicles 15:12-13

*He said to them, “You are the heads of the Levitical families; you and your fellow Levites are to consecrate yourselves and bring up the ark of the Lord the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it. It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the Lord our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way*

In chapter 13 we see how the first intent to bring the arch ended up in being a disaster because they did not do it correctly. (See verse 13 above). To say that we have God in our midst and then to do it as we well please can be disastrous.

David invites the families of Israel to take part in the transporting the arch in the appropriate manner to a place that has been prepared to receive it. That season of reflection and thankfulness should be our time to unite as families and invite the presence of God into our home and be prepared to celebrate the coming of His presence that brings with it the blessing and eternal life. Our voluntary act of attracting His presence through testimonies and songs and celebration because of His eternal love is the way to transport the “arch” to each corner of our life.

**Question: How is it that a family can show appreciation for the things they have received, got, or purchased? Celebrate something that has entered your home that has brought blessing.**

THE JOY OF BRINGING THE ARCH TO OUR HOME –

1 Chronicles 15:25-28

*David and the elders of Israel and the commanders of units of a thousand went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the house of Obed-Edom, with rejoicing. Because God had helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord, seven bulls and seven rams were sacrificed. Now David was clothed in a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and as were the singers, and Kenaniah, who was in charge of the singing of the choirs. David also wore a linen ephod. So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouts, with the sounding of rams horns and trumpets, and of cymbals, and playing of lyres and harps.*

If you read well the verses before, you will find a change of attitude on the part of David, the elders (leaders) and the people. That attitude can be described as “joy and happiness.” The true presence of God produces joy, peace, happiness, and thankfulness. The joy was so great in David that 2 Samuel 6:14 says, “David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the Lord with all

*his might.”*

The phrase, “in this manner” verse 28 is an indication that the people not only transported the object but also in their heart and mind the people had truly appropriated the significance of the arch. It is as if you had taken grandmother’s pendant from the drawer, or from the shoe box, or from the dish cabinet and put it in a special place because it showed the rich history of our family and those who went before us. The arch represented the presence of God in the children of God from the times of Moses and Aaron. They were times when God was good and merciful with them. It was a time to celebrate the triumphal entrance of the presence of God in the midst of the people.

DAVID SANG – Psalm 24:7-10

*Lift up you heads, O you gates;*

*Be lifted up, you ancient doors,*

*That the King of glory may come in.*

*Who is this King of glory?*

*The Lord strong and mighty,*

*The Lord mighty in battle.*

*Lift up your heads, O you gates;*

*Lift them up, you ancient doors,*

*That the King of glory may come in.*

*Who is he, this King of glory?*

*The Lord Almighty –*

*He is the King of glory.*

The experts say that Psalm 24 was a song that the people sang as they entered into the city with the arch. David was the most animated of them all. He knew that what was entering into the city and in his house was the most precious thing that could exist. God Himself was going to be with them and that was occasion to celebrate.

You are only a few days from being surrounded by family and Friends to “Give Thanks”. Let us begin from this day to celebrate the entrance of the presence of God into our home. From the church to our home, that this Thanksgiving Day we will recognize that the King of Glory is with us! **“The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory!”** (verse 10)

Happy Thanksgiving Day!