

Tabernacle of David

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Praise God, we're on to another precious encouragement of the Lord, and thankful to the Lord bringing us to this place tonight. And as I have been mentioning I'm going to start a new bible study of the tabernacle of David. And God willing I believe there'll be at least a few studies in this, and in this study of the tabernacle of David, oftentimes you mention that to people and they really have never heard of it, and I'm talking about Christians, and ones that have studied the word of God, and it's not to look down upon anyone, it's just that you know sometimes as you're reading through maybe we didn't have the holy Ghost just stop and really point this out, so it's time. God's going to have us have an appointment with this. 00:56

And as we think about tabernacle, most of the time in the word of God we hear about the tabernacle of Moses, then when we think about the tabernacle going on we think about the temple of Solomon as that kind of a continuation. But in between; in between the tabernacle of Moses and the temple of Solomon there was a precious time of about forty years; forty years, and I think about that precious number and there was a thing known as a tabernacle of David. 01:39

Now, I won't get into the details of it but let's just say real quick this was a very, very special tabernacle. And the beauty about the tabernacle of David is that it only had the ark of the covenant. It only was only placed in a tent. The only place that there was, was the holy of holies. That place that it was placed was upon Mount Zion, and that precious tent was open for all of that time, and all there was, was the presence of that precious ark and the glory of God between the cherubim. Yeah. It's almost hard to get through thinking something like that, how beautiful that is to us. Amen? But, so in that there was no tabernacle, so there was no you know, the big tent was not there you know that was created God told Moses to make, so there was none of that courtyard, there was not a holy place, there were not even any vessels, all the vessels were not there either. The only thing there was, was the ark. And how beautiful and there that sat, and it set for those years and it was completely open to all. 03:15

Now, there's many things that come to light in thinking of all of this precious truth here, but God divinely focusing us in you can see that the tabernacle of Moses, and what that was established for; such a beautiful thing because it recognized the need of the blood. Amen. That was the whole purpose, the whole focus of it all was that blood that needed to be shed for the remission of sin, but as we understand in that there was that annual yearly remembrance of sin. Thanks be to God for our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; He fulfilled it all and there was no more need for any of that once and for all; He took it all, praise God. 04:02

But in that tabernacle of Moses, it was a time we think of the Old Testament, we think of the time of the tabernacle of Moses was a time of the law. Exactly, that's what was there, that's what went forth, but now you come to this little reprieve, this perfect testing of around forty years that it sat out there, and you have the beauty of only the holy of holies. And it's wide open, and you can go right into the presence of God, and right in praise God to the very glory, and all that was there truly was the presence of God and worship. Think about the time we live in, think about what this age is about. This Church Age, it's that fellowship, isn't it? And praise be to God, that's what's opened up to us in this type and shadow that it moved from that time of the law into this time of such magnificent open grace that was fully there, and the full fellowship, everything in type and shadow was laid out for the people to come to freely. Okay? 05:11

That brief time, and then we move over to the temple of Solomon. It's kind of interesting because you think about that. Well, they're going to rebuild that temple. So, you think of that as going on into the millennial time. So, you have those three periods of time that you can see how God has laid out that fourth for us in a type that we can receive, and I think as we go through this, matter of fact I know because I'm thankful to God to know His intent in this because of the holy Ghost we will see such bridal type as we go along in this precious study. And we'll rejoice praise God that this is the Church Age time, and what a testimony this precious moment of David's tabernacle, and it's a brief moment, but it's a full joy intimacy of worship in some respects like no other time; like no other time in that Old Testament time.

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When I think of joy in the Old Testament, when I think of rejoicing, when I think of intimacy with the Lord, I'll have to tell you, I think of David top of the list. Amen? Come on, the man after God's very own heart? I believe he set it right there for us that we would have a heart that would pant after Him. He was truly beside himself in the Lord. Now I'll tell you what, when this ark finally comes in that's the time, he had to just get naked and dance before and because it was so wonderful, but we'll get to that later on, or maybe we just get it on up there in heaven later on tonight.

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So, to begin, Moses was encouraged of the Lord, and this'll be a little bit of background tonight. So, I pray Lord, just stir us, be encouraged, but these are things that God will lay out for us tonight that will build. I want to get to next Wednesday night's study like you can't even imagine, but this is the study we have tonight, praise God, and it's a good one. But to begin Moses was encouraged of the Lord to build the tabernacle as we read in Exodus around the time of about fourteen hundred BC. I'm just giving you approximate. It's okay, so let's not well it was fourteen-fifty, seventy-five RahRahRah. Okay? Okay, so around fourteen hundred BC. Can we just go with that a little bit there? I hope we can. Alright, now, it was a precious place. That tabernacle housed all the items, and we'll get into those because there's some precious things that we're going to see in regard to why those items were not present when David set up the tabernacle of David. But those items included the brazen altar, the laver, the candlestick, the table of shewbread, the altar of incense, and then most of the holy of holies was praise God contained the ark, the very presence of God.

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Now, that tabernacle of Moses that was about fourteen hundred BC, it went all the way on until about eleven hundred BC. So, you had it going on there for three, four hundred years that it went. Now, what happened was the Philistines; they had an idea. They saw what power that Israel had when they marched into battle with that ark, no one could stand before that thing. So, they got together and said we need that ark. So, they thought that they could just go in there and use this power of God in name only at the same time denying the power, the true power which was faith in the blood? I'll tell you what, they soon found out they were terribly wrong. Matter of fact they found out like the next day. If you recall when they stole that ark and they brought that into their palace, they had this god named Dagon. And that god stood up there, and it was a mighty statue and all of that, and so they come up next morning and that thing's fallen down on its face before the ark like this.

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They stand it back up and they say all oh that was just an accident. I said Okay, well let's think about that accident. Next day they get up, and that thing's got its head off and its hands been cut off. And they said we better get this thing out of here now. Alright? So, God does have a wonderful sense of humor; you know it, but so they knew this thing brought destruction. So, this is just a couple days; we've got to get rid of this thing. Over the next seven months truly the ark is like a hot potato because they're trying to take it here and there, and everybody's been hearing about what's happened to everybody else that's had it. And it's like oh, they brought that thing here, we've got to get this thing out of here now. So, the Philistines didn't want it, they take it over to the Ekronites. Well, they knew it would kill them, and they wished it had because they got a thing called emerods. And I don't think Preparation H could have handled

that either, but those are some bad wicked stuff. It killed them; some of them, and the others that didn't get killed by it wish they were dead. 10:53

But they said we've got to get rid of this, so they took it over and sent it to a place called Bethshemesh. And then they said we don't want it here, you just brought it in here to kill us, so then they moved it over to a place called Kirjathjear. It looks like its pronounced Kiriath-Jearim but actually Kirjathjear and what they decided there, they were going to even go look in the ark. Well, that was a real bad idea is when they went and started looking in the ark fifty thousand of them died. Well, that kind of froze everybody, and for the next twenty years it just sat there, and no one really knew what to do until finally it went over to a fellow; his name was Abenidab, and for seventy years it remained there. But things were okay because God raised up a young one called Eliezer that went in there and took care of that ark.

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Now, let's go ahead and read from First Samuel Chapter Seven, and this puts us in that place that we're at right now. And it says, and the men of Kirjathjearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD. And it came to pass, while the ark abode at Kirjathjearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD. You know, when God establishes things, and you depart from His truth there's a sadness, and I'll tell you, when the glory of God has departed from your life it's not only sad, there's a torment. I have to tell you brothers and sisters I believe that's a very parallel to when we depart after we know the bridal truth. There's a torment, and I know sometimes we might be a little bit down about a brother or sister that's departed, we might be maybe even angry, God help us to be prayerful praying for them because no matter how they're acting, the reason that they're acting that way is because they're tormented. And my heart reading this was heavy thinking about the sadness and the longing when that fellowship of the Lord is departed from your life. And you can get a sense of how sad and in disarray Israel was at this time. 13:58

Now, at the same time that the ark went on that journey, and if you add up all those years that ark was on a journey and in these different places for almost about ninety years. And the actual tabernacle, and all the vessels they weren't taken with it, they were in a different place, they were in a place called Gibeon. And the tabernacle and those vessels were in the hands of Israel during that time, and there was a priest named Zadoc that offered the things of the Lord at that time. Now, one of the things that should also be remembered that was going on was for many years there was contention in the tribes. And specifically, there was contention between the eleven tribes and Judah. There was a separation, and even as it went on it was called the eleven tribes Israel, and Judah would be mentioned all by itself and this is important to this part we're talking about, because even though there at this time were formally two kingdoms, yet see, those two kingdoms Israel and Judah didn't actually divide and form until after the reign of Solomon. 15:16

So, it wasn't till after Solomon's reign that Israel had a kingdom, and Judah had a kingdom. Alright? But there was division before that and one of the evidences of that was when David was anointed king, it said that Ishbosheth was proclaimed king at that time over Israel, and David was made king over Judah. So, that's how it started, so let's go ahead and read about that. In Second Samuel Chapter Two, verse ten. 15:54

This just gives you some little history to the appreciation of where we're at, and the divine encouragement of why this was set up this way, and the divine encouragement that really came to David because without all of this happening David would have never had that opportunity of intimacy that he had with the ark. And remember Who David represents; David represents Christ. And remember that precious ark, that represents that beautiful cherubim, the bride of Christ that is right there. So, we're

talking about fellowship between David, Christ, and this ark which is the bride. Okay? So, we'll get into that more and more and we'll see how this evidences this out so beautifully. But in 2 Sam 2:10 it says there that Ishbosheth, Saul's son *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. So, there for two years see, this fellow went out here and it was divided, okay? But yet it wasn't technically divided in a sense of two kingdoms till after Solomon's reign. 17:10

Now, I didn't want to mention this, that even in king Saul's day there was distinction between Israel and Judah; you'll read that in the eleventh chapter, the seventeenth chapter, and the eighteenth chapter of First Samuel. So, to emphasize once again the scripture asserts several times that the tabernacle; that means the tabernacle the structure, and all of the vessels were in Gideon with Israel through David's reign, and it was still there till Solomon ascended to the throne. So, the tabernacle went from Gilgal, to Shiloh, to Gibeon, and the ark went from Gilgal, to Shiloh, to Kirjathjearim, to Gibeon, and finally David brings it into Jerusalem. Hallelujah. 18:01

And when David brings the ark into Jerusalem remember this, the tabernacle still remains at Gibeon till after Solomon builds the temple. 1810 So, with all that said you get to about a thousand BC. Alright? And a thousand BC comes along, and we're going to turn over now to First Chronicles Chapter thirteen. So, remember, about fourteen hundred there we got old Moses encouraged of the Lord to build the tabernacle, and all the vessels, and all those things. About eleven hundred or so the Philistines take that ark, everything kind of goes here and there for about ninety years or so till we get to about a thousand BC, and the Lord stirs David's heart. Son, you go get that ark and you bring it back into Jerusalem. 18:58

So, here we go. First Chronicles Chapter Thirteen. And David consulted, verse one, with the captains of thousands, and hundreds, and with every leader, and David said unto all the congregation of Israel if *it seem* good unto you, and *that it be* of the Lord our God let us send abroad unto our brother everywhere that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites *which are* in their cities *and* suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us. And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at all in the days of Saul. And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjathjearim. And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, *that is* to Kirjathjearim, which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth *between* the cherubims, whose name is called *on it*. And they carried the ark of God in a new cart. 20:33

Now think of that, they made a new cart. Well, isn't that something? They made a new cart to carry the ark of God; wow, what a work, and they carried that ark out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio, they drove that cart. And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with all their singing, and with all their harps, with all their psalteries, with their timbrels, with their cymbals, with their trumpets. They were excited; they're really so excited, our ark was coming back, and they built a new cart to get it. And when they came into the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and He smote him, because he put his hand on the ark: and there he died before God. And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perezuzza to this day. And David was afraid of God that day, saying, how shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me? 21:54

So, David brought not the ark home to himself to the city of David but carried it aside into the house of Obededom the Gittite. Isn't that beautiful how David, it was so personal to Him I want to bring it to me. Yes, I want to bring it to the people, but I want to bring it to me; it's mine. It's like it's his. Once

again Christ and His bride, I'm going to bring them to me now. And the ark of God remained with the family of Obbededom in the house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obbededom, and all that he had.

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We'll stop there for a second, so for three months it sits there. And old Uzza, and by the way his name means strength. He tried to stable the ark that was on the cart because those oxen they stumbled. Right? That's how they chose and thought they were going to work and make this great vehicle to bring up the ark; I'm sure it was more efficient, right? Probably had wheels, didn't have to have as many people help. And it was going to get here a lot faster. It wasn't God's way. It wasn't God's way. The only way that ark was ever going to move is those staves had to be put through those latches, and the priests had to get out there and carry it on their shoulders. That was the only way that ark would ever be moved, that was the only way that ark was ever going to have any of God's purpose behind it because it had to be God's way.

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Now you think about that even for our life's brothers and sisters, and we really need to take that to heart. You know, we can think we're playing God, we can think once again like we started I'm going to lay down my track, and God You're going to do it my way, or we've got a grandiose way of how we're going to approach God now, this is how we're going to get it done, this is how we're going to worship. I'll tell you what, the only way you're going to come to worship is by the power of His might. The only way that we're ever going to grow is the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This I think encapsulates all the gimmicks of Christianity. And I'm talking about that they thought it was a good idea, they had good intentions. Let me tell you something, your good intentions if they're not lined up with the word of God its wickedness, and it brings death; it does and it's not going to bring God's favor. Amen-amen-amen. And by the grace of God why not stay with the truth?

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If God said it, why not just accept it and say well that's the way it is? Why spend time questioning, why try to figure something else out. If God put that unction on David's heart to go get it I think I would go right back; well, let's see, how does that ark move? Well, for all times God said get the priests, get the staves, get it on their shoulders and let's get a moving. And that's how the ark would be moved every single time. It might not be the most efficient way in man's eyes, it might not be the most effective way; it might not even be the most grandiose way, but it's God's way 25:32 and that's the only thing that matters and that's God's word. It's the way He's laid it out; it's not the way we think it should be, or try to twist it, or try to make something else out of it. God's word is His word, and it doesn't change. And it is the same yesterday, today, and forever and thanks be to God that we look at this and take encouragement from the Lord; stay with the stuff. Amen. So, it wasn't going to be moved any other way but by the Levites; only the priests could lift up the ark. Not on a cart, but it was going to be on the shoulders of the priests.

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Let's go on over, jump over to chapter fifteen. First Chronicles chapter fifteen, and I'll tell you what, we're going to spend a lot of time in chapter fifteen of this First Chronicles. There is depth and description in here that I'm telling you, I'm still trying to catch my breath of what God's been doing. Alright, let's read from verse two. So, we saw that as we just left off in our reading that the house of Obbededom where that ark stayed for three months, God blessed that house. God did, it was there, they took it in and there was a praise to the Lord and God graced it. So, in verse two, chapter fifteen it said then David said, none ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites. Now that's a good idea David. He's the king, he can say that. Yeah, you get out there, I told you. It's even going to get better. Okay I'm sorry, I hope you're laughing too. Then David said, none ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites yep. For them hath the LORD chosen, for them to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever. And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the God unto the place, which he had prepared for

it. And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites. From there it goes on and it describes the different names of all the different ones there partaking in that. 28:05

Now go ahead and jump on down to verse twelve. And David unto them, Ye *are* the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto *the place that* I have prepared for it. Think of how David is speaking here. It's so bold, isn't it? And it is, it's as the Lord is speaking it and this is the beauty of it again. This is the desire and the ravished heart of our Saviour; He's about ready to bring up the cherubim. He's about ready to bring her into His arms. Receive this by the grace of God. So, He said you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel *unto the place that* I have prepared for it. 29:04

For because ye *did it* not. I love that, you didn't do it right at the first, the Lord our God made a breach upon us for that we sought Him not after the due order. See, we need to seek God with that means that due order, we need to seek Him after His process, and His judgment His way. The truth is the truth, thank You Jesus and it doesn't change. I was thinking about this with different ones that I have met along the way about things, and I felt in my heart to bring this out. There was a man that wanted to be filled with the holy Ghost, and there was a woman that was ministering to this couple, and the man and his wife. His wife was filled, but the man wasn't and he was wanting to be filled. But he didn't want, and didn't feel that it was oh I guess honorable to him to worship God in that fashion to think that the infilling of the Holy Ghost would have him speaking in tongues. 30:17

So, this couple sought out someone that they thought was an authority in the word of God who came to their house and told them oh you don't need to speak in tongues to receive the Holy Ghost. And that was wonderful to them because it fit with what they wanted. This is what happened. Bringing up the ark on a cart fit with what they wanted, and it wasn't going to work. I just bring that piece out as a testimony of it. God has a divine process, He had divine judgment, and praise be to God that judgment right now is called the judgment seat of Christ, and He's judging us for reward praise the Lord? And growth, and the growth that we have by the grace of God and any by the grace of God is from that grace, and it's going to come from the word of His grace. And by the grace of God, we can grow up fully; that's the very intent we have the capacity of it because we got the very life of Christ in us. But this life will never grow up fully without the whole council rightfully divided in due order. Amen. 31:45

Alright, so the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD. Isn't that beautiful? It went right back to the one who had revealed the truth. Who was that? Moses. Amen. For that time, that word came through Moses. For our time that word came through the Apostle Paul. It's exactly right, and this is talking about royalty, this was talking about the reigning, this was talking about the very midst of the throne where they're going to set this precious ark for this tabernacle of David; it's on Zion's mount. Think of that. That's the place of all beauty, all judgment. It's the place of the blood of the Lamb. It's Jesus, it's His grace, it's His mercy. Hallelujah, that's what this all magnifies. 32:54

So, that ark wasn't going any way, anywhere without it being according to the word of God. And I love how this lays out here because we've talked about this before. That ark okay, basically a box alright? Was a box with a top alright? So, you had the box alright, and it had a lid. That lid was known as the mercy seat alright? Upon that lid you know that came out of that golden beaten gold lid came out of it, rose up out of it were the two cherubim, and they looked right back on the mercy seat as their wings touched in that perfect harmony of fellowship. So, it formed a crown, formed a heart, whatever; all of those things just so beautiful of the glory of the Lord that dwelt between those cherubim. And what was the glory of the Lord? You think about all them; all those different things. It was the blood; the glory of the Lord is the

blood. The blood of the Lamb, that's everything, that's the very grace, the life, everything is in that blood. Amen it is. 34:04

So, when that ark was moved it had four golden latches that were part of the ark. Once again golden. Notice as we rejoice there were four. You think about the four cherubim, and there were rings; they're called rings so beautiful. Also referred to as crowns, but in order for that ark to be lifted up those rings had to be pierced, and they were pierced with these long wooden staves. Think of that as well. Isn't that beautiful? So, once again that pierced side speaking of the rib portion, the joint sufferings together with Christ. For the Lord to be lifted up truly to the fullness of glory His pierced side, it had to be pierced. Amen. That rib had to be pierced. By the grace of God, His glory is that wife who suffers together with Him. Praise God as that's pierced, hallelujah it's lifted up. And once again, who lifts that up? It's those priests that lift that up. 35:27

Now think about the priests. The priests must be round about that ark to lift up that ark, amen? They got to be on all sides of it. What about them twenty-four elders that are round about the throne? See, praise the Lord? And they lift up that ark and the cherubim. I love that as we rejoice. It's the friends of the Bridegroom that are only with Him as the rapture of the bride happens where He catches her away. Give you a little taste of this, go on over to verse twenty-five of this fifteenth chapter. It says So David, so think of this as our Saviour Jesus Christ, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands. Those are some ones that were very close to Him huh? What did they do? They went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obededom. Oh, that's good. 36:31

Now, we're going to deal with the real details in that God willing next week, and I encourage you don't miss. But the twenty-four elders once again, think about that round about the throne of Christ, and there's the four living ones seen as those gold pierced latches fixed upon the ark. And it's brought in with such joy and gladness. You think about those twenty-four elders there in Revelation Chapter Four. Once those precious four beasts they give glory to the Lord, what happens to the twenty-four elders? They take off their crowns and they cast them, and they praise the Lord and they tell Him Thou art worthy to receive the glory and the honor. They're watching Him, and in that they're lifting that up in that praise and that rejoicing. So, you have this type that's very, very prominent of Christ wanting that fellowship with the bride, and once again the priests lifting up that giving glory to God. 37:49

Now we'll close this up here tonight. Go on over to 2 Samuel 6:12 and this kind of Chronicles and Samuel kind of go back and forth and tell the story in little bit different light kind of like the gospels. Huh? Talking about a same subject but giving a different encouragement. So, in 2 Samuel 6:12 and it says there 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. Praise the Lord. I'll tell you, you think of the city praise God that not only is she going to be brought into, she is, and the very light and the glory of it which is so beautiful here. As we closer this it'll encourage your heart I believe in a sweet way. 39:58

So, David hears that the Lord blessed Obededom, and all the house because of the ark of God. So, David knew it was time. God was now ready for him to go take the ark. Obed Edom is basically two words there. Alright? Two names. The first word Obed it means worshipper, and Edom means red. So, if you put those together it's the worshipper of the blood. Think again of those cherubim what do they just thank Him for and just stare at all the time? The blood on the mercy seat. So, David praise God goes and receives the type of Christ to get the worshipper of the blood. Amen. Alright sweethearts, we're going to go ahead and just stop it right there, I want to get into the second one, but I think that's enough to chew on, but I think that lays and kind of sets the table for some dining on some strong meat as we go along, so just keep praying. I pray that's been a blessing to you tonight, but I just thank Him as He continues to take us into

just more wonder of Him and how He loves us. And this truly is, these are these love letters that He's written all along. All these things that they wrote they weren't in a sense just stories, but they wrote those things for us. And unlocked and looking into the very heart and the intent of it, it was the Apostle Paul that that was given to. It was just as it said, they went back and said OKAY, this is the word that Moses was given; this is the way of the Lord and here we are today. This is the word that Paul was given; this is the way of the lord. Aren't you thankful you know Paul's gospel? Aren't you thankful that you love Paul's Gospel. Aren't you thankful you're after that? And this was some amazing stuff that transpired here, you know that? I mean this was incredible. We're talking about ruling and reigning, and I mean from a David to a Solomon, kingdom and all those different things, but that's not even worthy to be compared with the ruling and reigning that by the grace of God we have opportunity to just lay ahold of by faith, and unearned too by the grace of God. Alright, let's stand and be dismissed. Thank You Jesus. 41:48