

Friday, September 6th

Miracles, Downloads

Mel Tari Testimony - I was in Madagascar over a year ago and ***the Lord told Pastor Rudolph*** to put the flood light behind me so that my shadow can reach the whole soccer field and Jesus healed them as the shadow moved over them?

Ps R came to France last month when I was teaching at the Mission school near Marseille. He came and meet me for 30 minutes at the airport for prayer and fellowship.

3 people raised from the dead in Madagascar since we prayed for him to receive the Holy Spirit and fire.

He just texted me that after we met in Marseille, he traveled all over France to preach the gospel. A young lady died in one of the cities and after a day her Mom called ps R for prayer. She was instructed to put the phone on the dead daughter's ear as ps R pray from Paris. She came back to life, gave her testimony and multitudes accepted Jesus as the result.

## Hosting the Presence

### I. Seasons

#### A. Recognition of Timing

Eccl 3:1 For everything there is a **season\***, and a **time†** for every matter (purpose) under heaven: (\***chronos** & †**kairos**)

Dan. 2:20 Daniel answered and said:

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,  
to whom belong wisdom and might.

- 21 He **changes times and seasons**;  
he **removes** kings and **sets up** kings;  
he **gives wisdom to the wise**  
and **knowledge** to those who have understanding;
- 22 he reveals deep and hidden things;  
he **knows what is in the darkness**,  
and the light dwells with him.

## B. A Time to Seek the Lord

Is. 55:6 “Seek the LORD **while he may be found**; call upon him **while he is near**;

7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Jer. 29:13 You will **seek** me and **find** me, **when you seek me** with all your heart.

14 I will be **found by you**, declares the LORD, and I will **restore** .. and **gather** ... and I will **bring you back**.

## II. Presence, Hearing and Destiny

### A. Meeting with the Creator

Ex. 25:10 “They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. 11 You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and you shall make on it a molding of gold around it.

Ex. 25:21 And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. 22 **There** I will **meet with you**, and from **above the mercy seat**, from **between the two cherubim** that are on the ark of the testimony, **I will speak with you** about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

### B. Wrong Impressions

1. Not a good luck charm 1Sam 4
2. Not a trophy! 1Sam 5
3. Not a curiosity 1 Sam 6
4. Not to be shut away under lock and key 1Sam 7

## C. Desire to Meet with God

**“There I will meet with you,”**

### 1. David learns God’s ways

2 Sam 6.8 MS Then David got angry because of GOD’S deadly outburst against Uzzah. That place is still called Perez Uzzah (The-Explosion-Against-Uzzah). 9 David became fearful of GOD that day and said, **“This Chest is too hot to handle.** How can I ever get it back to the City of David?” 10 He refused to take the Chest of GOD a step farther. Instead, David removed it off the road and to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

### 2. The Blessing of His Presence

2 Sam 6:11 And the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the **Gittite** three months, and **the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.**

What did that look like? The 24 hours... What's that in our house? Fear turns to Awe turns to Wonder turns to Joy turns to a life in EDEN

The kids get smarter, IQ goes through the roof! The start imagining and solving problems in their spare moments. more cooperative, they start playing the piano, everyone is more affectionate. The goats get bigger. The flowers get more beautiful. The fruit gets more nutritious and tastier. etc. etc. relatives stop by... Ask to stay.

The Blessing of **One Family** became the **CATALYST** for release of the **Promises** of God for a City, a nation and the earth.

2Sam. 6:12 And **it was told King David**, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So **David went and brought up the ark of God** from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing.

Without Obed-Edom, there would have been no Tabernacle of David, no Temple of Solomon

### III. Israel Influenced World Culture — the Presence DAVID and Extravagant Worship

**2 Sam 6:13** And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone **six steps**, he **sacrificed** an ox and a fattened animal.

If David's whole company was traveling at a very stately pace of a mile and a half per hour, a person walking in the crowd would pass by 8 or 9 of these burning altars EACH MINUTE! It was a spectacular multi-sensory experience, with the sight of freshly spilled blood, flames consuming the sacrifices, the various aromas of these holy offerings, as well as the sounds trumpets, cymbals and other instruments.

To all this is added the shouting and leaping and dancing of the celebrants and a miles long cloud of smoke rising from the altars.

Worship provides a feast!

**14** And **David danced before the LORD with all his might...**

**17** And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside **the tent that David had pitched for it. ...**

**\*\*—MADE SURROUNDING AREA "THE HOLY PLACE"—\*\***

*A new era began. Over the next 80 years, Israel became a mighty empire and the wonder among all nations!*

### IV. Obed-Edom's Legacy

#### 1. Woven into the Storyline!

**1 Chron 15:4** And David gathered together the sons of Aaron and the Levites:

- 16** David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers to **sing joyful songs**, accompanied by musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals.
- 17** So the Levites appointed **Heman ...**, **Asaph ...**, **Ethan** son of Kushaiah; 18 and with them ... **the gatekeepers Obed-edom** and Jeiel.
- 16:5** **Asaph** was the chief, and second to him were ... (7 listed), **Obed-edom**, and Jeiel, *who were to play harps and lyres; ...*
- 37** So David left **Asaph** and his brothers there before the ark ... to minister ..., 38 and also **Obed-edom and his sixty-eight brothers**, ...
- 26:1** As for the divisions of the **gatekeepers**: of the Korahites,...
- 4** And **Obed-edom had sons**: Shemaiah the firstborn, ... **5** ... Peul-lethai the **eighth, for God blessed him**. **6** Also **to his son** Shemaiah were **sons born who were rulers ... men of great ability**. ... **8** All these were of the **sons of Obed-edom with their sons and brothers, able men** qualified for the service; **sixty-two of Obed-edom**.

## 2. Summary

1. Philistine (from Gath) and not qualified by heredity.
2. Was living in the right place at the right time to receive the Ark that perplexed the king.
3. Began to experience the power of the Age to Come.
4. Was a forerunner, the credible witness that David needed to bring the Treasure Chest into his capital city.
5. Functioned as a Levite, who staffed the Tabernacle of David and later the Temple of Solomon. *Perhaps David brought him with the Ark as **the only one who had experience living in proximity** to Unapproachable Light.*
6. He was a gatekeeper.
7. He was numbered among the musicians.

8. Over 60 of his close relatives were also employed. Perhaps they had all visited during the 3 months while the Ark was at OE's.
9. His was blessed with 8 sons, who also found themselves employed at the Tabernacle.
10. His grandsons were described as rulers and men of ability.

## EXPANSION OF INFLUENCE.... LEGACY OF DAVID

### THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD

1 Chron 14:17 And the fame of **David** went out into *all lands*, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon *all nations*.

1 Kgs 4:34 And *people of all nations came* to hear the wisdom of **Solomon**, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

### RELEASE GRACE

1 Cor 2:9 But, as it is written,

“What no eye has **seen**, nor ear **heard**,  
nor the heart of man **imagined**,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

10 these things God has **revealed to us** through the Spirit.

### Influence Beyond the Imaginings of our Hearts

**Landing Strip for Miracles, Strategies, the Kingdom and the Will!**