

The Feast of His Presence

I. Introduction

We are in a unique season of opportunity to press into a divinely offered opportunity. He is near. What can maximize the outcome? Could our own experience be prolonged and become a massive opportunity for many?

Dick Funnell's dream.

There are unique times when divine grace is accessible.

Is. 55:6 "Seek the LORD *while he may be found*; call upon him *while he is near*; 6 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. **[SLIDE 1]**

Prov. 1:23 If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. **[SLIDE 2]**

Repentance precedes Revelation!

II. Divine Desire and the "Glass Darkly"

A. The Creator ALWAYS wanted to have communion with us.

1. Eden Shabbat
2. The 70 elders Torah Tabernacle Feasts

B. The Law was plan B, the Incarnation, Crucifixion and Resurrection is plan A!

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

17 For the law was **given** through Moses; grace and truth **came (became)** through Jesus Christ.

1. The Law was **given** through Moses — this was God’s best attempt to stay in fellowship on **our terms**.
2. Grace and Truth (**became**) through Jesus Christ — this was God’s amazing gift to bring us into communion through His Terms.

Torah was a GIFT.

Grace brings us into REALITY

II. Seeking the One Who is Seeking You

Song 3:1 On my bed by night I sought him whom my soul loves;

A. The Ark Foreshadows Incarnation (Grace and Truth)

Ex. 25:10 “They shall make an ark of acacia wood. 45” long, 27” wide, and 27” high. 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.

HE MEETS WITH US IN MERCY and UNDER ANGELS WINGS

B. Desiring the Desirer

“There I will meet with you,”

1. David's Misstep Releases Blessing!

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 the Nations

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 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.

A Foreshadow of the salvation of the Gentiles

Rom. 11:11 So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, **through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles**, so as to make Israel jealous. 12 Now if their **trespass** means **riches** for the world, and if their **failure** means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

Matt 8:10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. **11** I tell you, **many will come from east and west and recline at table** with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven.

Rev. 7:9 After this I looked, and behold, **a great multitude that no one could number**, from every **nation**, from all **tribes** and **peoples** and **languages**, standing **before the throne** and **before the Lamb**, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and **crying out with a loud voice**, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

[SLIDE 3]

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

III. 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**.

Every 15 feet. Staggered on both sides of the road. 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.

Abu-Gosh about 10 miles from Temple site (3,520 altars)

Ma’oz Zion about 7 miles. (2,464 altars)

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**. And David was wearing a linen ephod. 15 So David and **all the house of Israel** brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn.
- 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**. ... And David offered **burnt offerings** (*holocaust*) and **peace offerings** (*shalem*) before the LORD.
- 18 And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he **blessed the people** in the name of the LORD of hosts 19 and **distributed** among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, **both men and women***, a cake of bread, **a portion of meat**, and a **cake of raisins** to each one. Then all the people departed, **each to his house**.

**Ish and Isha*

David's extravagant sacrifice provided a **feast to the nation!**

****—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. Your SACRIFICE of Praise can provide a FEAST for all Nations

It is the SEASON... It is the TIME...

It is our story... It is Life Center's story....

Make it your story and the feast from your sacrifice can feed the world!

Heb. 13:12 Therefore Jesus also, **that He might sanctify the people** with **His own blood**, suffered outside the gate.

- 13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, **outside the camp**, bearing His reproach. 14 For here we have no continuing city, but **we seek the one to come**.
- 15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the **sacrifice of praise** to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. 16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

RELEASE GRACE for Presence in each Home

- 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!