

Worship – A Healing Feast for the Nations

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I. Introduction

We are in a unique season of opportunity to press into a divinely offered opportunity.

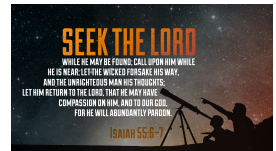
There are unique times when divine grace is accessible.

Times of turmoil ... A very present help in times of trouble

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.

Eden

Shabbat

Ex. 24:9 Then **Moses** and **Aaron**, **Nadab**, and **Abihu**, and 70 of the elders of Israel went up, 10 and they **SAW** the God of Israel.... 11 And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; **they BEHELD God, and ate and drank.**

THEY WERE AFRAID TO DRAW NEAR!

B. The Law was plan B, Incarnation was eternally plan A.

Torah is a **gift**— reveals basic insight into how to live with each other and how to approach Him.

Grace is the **reality** of eternal life

[John 1:14](#) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, ..., **full of grace and truth.** [17](#) For the law was **given** through Moses; grace and truth **came (became)** through Jesus Christ.

II. Seeking the One Who is Seeking You

A. The Ark — A Work of Art for Communication. Foreshadows Incarnation (Grace and Truth)

[Ex. 25:10](#) They shall make an ark of acacia wood. 45" long, 27" wide, and 27" high.

[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. Lost and Found

Eli, Hophni, Phineas lose the Ark, Dagon falls on his face

Disaster, terror [1Sam 5.11](#) deathly panic [12](#) tumors

Shamans to the rescue [1Sam 6](#) The New Cart

(Beth Shemesh)

House of **Abinadab**

Saul's preoccupation with popularity

C. Desiring the Desirer – “There I will meet with you,”

1. Desire, Priorities (1st priority <Bid. Shap.>)

2Sam. 6:1 David again *gathered **all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.*** 2 And David arose and went with all the people ... to bring up from ... the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts **who sits enthroned on the cherubim.** 3 And they **carried the ark of God on a new cart** and brought it *out of the house of Abinadab*, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving ... 4 ... and Ahio went before the ark.

5 And David and all the house of Israel were **celebrating** before the LORD, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. 6 And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, **Uzzah put out his hand** to the ark of God and took hold of it, for **the oxen stumbled.** 7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God. [SLIDE 3]

2. David's Misstep Releases Blessing!

2 Sam 6.8 MESSAGE 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.**

3. The Blessing of the Nations [SLIDE 4]

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**. (On the shoulders of the levites)

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!



33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

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

The OUTSIDER was the strategic INSIDER!

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 **fatted 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) [SLIDE 5]

Ma'oz Zion about 7 miles. (2,464 altars). [SLIDE 6]

To all this is added the shouting and leaping and dancing 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**. [SLIDE 7]

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 based in the NEARNESS OF GOD. Over the next 80 years, Israel became a mighty empire and the wonder among all nations!

Years later, in a time of crisis...fire would fall and stop a plague on the nation.

2 Sam 24:24 But the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will buy it from you for a price. *I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing.*”

1 Chr 21:26 And David built there an altar to the LORD and presented **burnt offerings** and **peace offerings** and called on the LORD, and the LORD answered him with fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering.

IV. Your costly SACRIFICE of Praise is pivotal to provide a FEAST for all Nations and a **basis for healing this nation.**

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

It is our story.... Make it your story and the feast from your sacrifice can feed the world!

Heb. 13:12 (NKJ) 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.

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.

WORSHIP, DIVINE KOINONIA —> GOOD WORKS...

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!**

Global Influence

What a difference devotion can make! Personal pursuit of God's presence, the simple pouring out of our hearts and souls toward him can change the course of not just our own lives, but the course of history. There are no insignificant moments with Him. There are no longings in our own hearts that are not an invitation to connect with a larger purpose. Not just personally, but at the level of our own communities, culture and civilization.

Heb 13:20 (ESV) Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, **21** equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. **[SLIDE 8]**