

Build This House Part 3 **“Building A House of Worship”**

Message Recap

I. Building the House is Intentional

As we enter Thanksgiving week, people all across the country are preparing their homes. From the smell of turkey and pie, to the sounds of football and kids playing in the leaves, there is an atmosphere that many intentionally create around the holidays. The table is set perfectly, the lights are hung with care, and the warmth of the home is on full display. So many are intentional about setting the perfect atmosphere around the holidays, but what about in our heart and homes? When building a house of worship, we must first invite in the presence of God. In 2 Samuel 6, David was overjoyed at having the Ark of the Covenant back, but He was afraid of God’s presence, and did not take the Ark back to Jerusalem. It ended up at Obed-Edom’s house and his household was greatly blessed because of God’s presence there. When David realized this, he moved the Ark to Jerusalem, and God began to bless Israel. Just like the Ark of the Covenant brought blessing to any home that it was in, we will experience God’s blessing when we invite Jesus into ours. But He will not force Himself into our lives, we must invite Him.

II. Guarding the House Is Intentional

After we invite Jesus into our heart and our home, we must be intentional about what else we let in. Paul warns us in Ephesians 4:27 to not let the Devil have a “foothold” into our lives. This means that we cannot leave the door open for jealousy, pride, fear, depression, strife or anything else that is not of God. The best way for us to keep the door closed to the enemy is to fill our house with worship and to have a grateful heart. Worship connects us with His presence and places God on the throne of our hearts. Worship allows God’s presence to fill us, leaving no room for anything else. Living with a grateful heart helps us to see how good God is in every area. This way of living will allow us to guard our hearts from the things of the enemy that try to sneak in.

Read and Discuss

Read 2 Samuel 6:1-10

1. What things does the ark represent?
2. What does having the presence of God at the center of our lives look like practically?

Read Ephesians 4:27

1. How can we intentionally guard our house?
2. What habits can we set up to make our house one of worship?

Read Luke 17:11-19

1. What does praise and thanksgiving do for our hearts?
2. How does a grateful heart set us up to receive from God?

Daily Takeaways

1. Make worship a habit
2. Guard your heart from the enemy

3. Choose gratitude every day

2 Samuel 6:1-15

Then David again gathered all the elite troops in Israel, 30,000 in all. 2 He led them to Baalah of Judah[a] to bring back the Ark of God, which bears the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies,[b] who is enthroned between the cherubim. 3 They placed the Ark of God on a new cart and brought it from Abinadab's house, which was on a hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were guiding cart 4 that carried the Ark of God.[c] Ahio walked in front of the Ark. 5 David and all the people of Israel were celebrating before the Lord, singing songs[d] and playing all kinds of musical instruments—lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals.

6 But when they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out his hand and steadied the Ark of God. 7 Then the Lord's anger was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him dead because of this.[e] So Uzzah died right there beside the Ark of God.

8 David was angry because the Lord's anger had burst out against Uzzah. He named that place Perez-uzzah (which means "to burst out against Uzzah"), as it is still called today.

9 David was now afraid of the Lord, and he asked, "How can I ever bring the Ark of the Lord back into my care?" 10 So David decided not to move the Ark of the Lord into the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-edom of Gath. 11 The Ark of the Lord remained there in Obed-edom's house for three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and his entire household.

12 Then King David was told, "The Lord has blessed Obed-edom's household and everything he has because of the Ark of God." So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration. 13 After the men who were carrying the Ark of the Lord had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. 14 And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment.[f] 15 So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.

Ephesians 4:26-27

26 And "don't sin by letting anger control you." [d] Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

Luke 17:11-19

11 As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. 12 As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, 13 crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

14 He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." [b] And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.

15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" 16 He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you. [c]"