

*"And **Let Us Bring Again The Ark Of Our God** to us: for we inquired not at it in the days of Saul." 1 Chronicles 13:3 KJV*

The Ark of God contained the Stone Tablets, Aaron's budding rod, and a bowl of Manna; the Word of God, the Work of God, and the Wonder of God. It was covered by the Cherubim accompanied Mercy Seat, and resided within the Holy of Holies, behind the veil, the innermost sanctum of the Tabernacle! It Was A Hallowed Place That only the High Priest could approach twice a year to rendezvous with God! The Very Presence of Jehovah-God Met There with him! God Still Meets men at the "Mercy Seat" of Forgiveness if they humbly cry to Him for Salvation! *"For WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL upon The Name of The LORD, SHALL BE SAVED!"* With The Blood of The Unblemished Lamb of God Applied, Mercy becomes The Portal of God's Forgiveness! John the Baptist proclaimed of Christ, *"Behold the Lamb of God, Which Taketh Away the sin of the world!"* Under King Saul's entire reign, the Ark had been neglected. The people, like their King, sought after all manner of necromancies and idols polluting their lives and spurning God. David always threw himself on The Mercy of God; seeking God's Favor instead of men's; repenting of his sin, whatever the consequences might be. His greatest desire was to please the God he loved. He wrote, *"I love Thy Law. Thy Word have I hid in mine heart."* Believers are sure to sin and displease God as long as the flesh is their tabernacle. Our flesh is often the veil that separates us from the Presence of God. The Apostle Paul bemoaned, *"For that which I do, I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. In my flesh dwelleth no good thing; it is carnal; sold under sin."* For that reason, it's lusts must be denied and sins confessed and it must become a *"living sacrifice"* to the Truth. *"If we confess our sins, He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive us our sins, And To Cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* The flesh isn't what is tempted. The flesh tempts our soul. *"Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."* The flesh is already *"sold under sin."* It sins without remorse. Your soul is who you are, not your body. Your soul is the eternal you that will never cease to exist, but it is only while your flesh/body lives that you can choose Heaven or remain headed for Hell! You can't go both ways. It's one or the other and you decide NOW! Tomorrow may never come for you. To follow Truth you must turn away from sin *"Ye cannot serve God and mammon."* One can't travel East and West at the same time!



To know ourselves as sinful men,
Requires the Voice of God within,
The Truth He speaks rebukes all sin,
And turns repentant souls to Him. –CGP

You either follow God or lust. If the latter is the case, STOP! Repent and obey the Truth. Seven or seventy times a day matters little. What matters is a repentant soul evidenced by contrite confession evidenced by obedience. *"And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous."* Jesus Died With Words of Forgiveness on His Lips: *"Father, Forgive them! They know not what they do!"* Confession means little if the heart is not repentant. Repentance is obedience. We need to retire oft to Mercy's Seat; The Portal of Forgiveness Where The Blood of The Spotless Lamb of God Was Applied Once And For All sin and *"Bring again the Ark"* to the forefront of continuous confession and constant cleansing through persistent obedience of a grateful heart. Our High Priest, Jesus, Applied His Own Blood to Heaven's Mercy Seat Where He Now Sits Waiting To Forgive *"WHOSOEVER will come"* to Him in humble repentance! You can't fool God! He knows your heart! Your obedience or lack thereof, confirms your choice to God and men! Turn or stay – choose today!

"And He Is The Propitiation (Atoning Sacrifice) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments." 1 John 2:2-3 KJV