
Subject: Return of the people of God. victory.
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This one chap. applied to us today. Plus a special find from the Lord.
If you will read 1 Sam. 7 and see the picture there.

In verse 1-2 the ark is somewhere else for 20 years. This makes the people cry. That is because God must be on the ark which is his throne. Otherwise he is gone. The people are starting to miss him. They are still religious, but are not pleasing to him.

v.3-4 The Philistines are a big problem, but if they put away their gods they will receive the helper. Israel obeys and puts away their gods and gets their hearts right.

v.5-6 Samuel will pray for them and they will also pray and confess their sins. (like 1Jn.1:9).

v. 7-9 The Philistines (devil) comes after them, they cry for help. Samuel offers a sacrificial Lamb.

v.10 God smites the enemy.

v.12 after the victory a stone is set up as a memorial. Ebenezer means stone of the helper.

Because the Lord--in his mercy-- helped us. In the N.T. Heb. 2:18 we have the word succor. In Greek it means to aide or help. it is speaking of Jesus there.

Look at Matt. 21:42-44. The stone there refers to Jesus in both passages. Put those together and you have Jesus as a stone and a helper. I cannot say that the scriptures of Heb. Sam., and Matt. are united but they are spiritually significant.

v.17 Sam. built a alter near his home. We also build sacrificial alters with our lives. Rom. 12:1-2.

In 2 Sa. 6:9-15 In v.9-10, we see that David was understanding how important the ark was and it was to be revered. Yet Israel lost that respect for a while. Samuel helps them have a revival.

v.11 shows how a man who is upright can have great benefits and enjoy having God and his throne in their life. his name was Obededom. David sees the blessings of the Lord on Obededom and sees that it pays to be righteous and have God with him.

We have a parallel here. Israel were not Pagans they were God's people. They were being chastened to lead them to repentance. God brought them to the place and they repented. Then God gave victory. David shows how it pays to have God on the throne around him. You can see that God is sovereign and merciful for a little while. Lord be my helper and deliver me from my enemies is a great prayer. One man and a ark sounds like (a remnant).
