The Ark & The Christ

Tony Mauck · Hebrews 9:4

INTRODUCTION

- They misunderstood that it was not some kind of a magical object that had power, but it is God that gave it its power and meaning, and that obedience to him is what this ark should have conveyed.
- The ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod, which budded, and the tables of the covenant.
- These three items initially contained in the Ark of the Covenant, that Jesus fulfills all three of these things for his people today.

1 Jesus Is Our Provision

John 6:27–35; John 6:48–53; 1 Corinthians 10:1–4

- Jesus is our provision. This is why when Jesus came, he spoke of himself as being what? The bread of heaven.
- Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give to you.
- Jesus says, I am the bread of life. he who comes to me shall not hunger. And he who believes in me shall never thirst.
- What Jesus provides is ultimate satisfaction of our hunger and our thirst.
- They were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ.
- Jesus fulfills our need. He is your provision. Your ultimate needs cannot be provided for by anyone or anything else.

2 Jesus Is Our Guidance

Luke 17:20–21; Psalm 15:4; Psalm 1:1–3

- You can't read the story of Jesus without concluding that he is a king.
- My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight. It's a spiritual kingdom.
- He is the embodiment of the kingdom. He's the center of it. It's all about him. He's its king, he's its ruler.
- He's the king, he must live within us.
- He is the king. And that ain't going to change no matter what any man says or does. But I tell you what does change. And that's whether he's the king of my life.
- When I am tempted to lust, is he going to be the king then? Am I going to be convinced that self-control and purity are the better way?

3 Jesus Is Our Relationship

1 Timothy 1:8

- They symbolize the relationship of God with Israel. Jesus is our relationship.
- When we look at the New Testament, and all we see are rules. We've missed it.
- This is more than just rules. This is a guide to our relationship with God.
- These rules are designed to prevent self-injury. They are designed to produce spirituality. They are designed to promote spiritual, selfless service.
- We must never see the Lord's covenant with us as merely a set of rules that are sometimes challenging for us to observe.
- Why are God's rules so important? Because God promises me something that keeping the law of the land does not.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you come to Him as a living stone to become one of His faithful servants and priests in His great kingdom?

MY NOTES