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**Secrets of the Holy Place**, by Perry Stone (begin DVD #5 at 00: 52:30)

### **The Tabernacle of David: The Secret of Abiding Under the Shadow of the Almighty (1):**

Amos 9:11

<sup>11</sup> In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

- Tabernacles/Temples built:
  - Moses built a tabernacle (II Chronicles 1:3)
  - David pitched a tent in Mount Zion for the Ark of the Covenant and for worship. This is what is called the Tabernacle of David. (I Chronicles 15-16)
  - David's son Solomon built the Temple, called the Jewish Temple.
  - There was a second temple that was put on the Temple Mount that existed during the time of Christ. This one (in Jerusalem) was destroyed in 70 a.d.
- Everything that centers around the Tabernacle of David centers around that sacred piece of furniture called the Ark of the Covenant.
- History of the Ark of the Covenant:
  - In Saul's day it had been captured (I Samuel 4-5).
  - The Philistines thought it was some kind of a magical chest that had supernatural power. It did, but it had no power with them because they had no relationship with the God of the ark. When they put the Ark of the Covenant beside their god Dagon, which was made of stone, Dagon's arms and head fell off of it. Every time they would go in there they would find out that Dagon started falling apart in the presence of God (I Samuel 5:2-4).
    - Everybody will eventually fall apart when they first meet the presence of God. Sinners will realize they are sinners. You are being overwhelmed by the presence of God.
    - If the Ark of the Covenant can make a stone idol fall, don't you think it can make a fleshly man or woman move when He comes upon them, when the presence of God comes?
  - (I Samuel 5:6-12) The Philistines started getting hemorrhoids, the mice were eating up their field, and they finally decided the problem was the gold box and what was in the gold box. So they got an ox cart and put the Ark of the Covenant on it and moved it into Israel to take it back. They made 5 gold mice and 5 hemorrhoids of gold and put it on the ark. In their mind they were honoring the God of the Hebrews, hoping He would get rid of the mice and the hemorrhoids.
  - When the men of Judah saw the ark coming, they put it on a threshing floor. They might have looked in it to see if anything was taken out of it – we don't know. But they lifted the mercy seat (the lid) and the power of God emitted from the Ark of the Covenant and all the men standing near the ark – 50,070 - died (I Samuel 6:19), because when you don't have

- mercy you have judgment. So they removed the blood and the mercy from their life. Their protection, their hedge, came down, and judgment struck them.
- Because of this, the ark was moved into a place called the house of Abinadab (I Samuel 7:1). Abinadab was the son of Eleazar – a descendent of the priesthood, a Levite. The Ark of the Covenant was kept there for 20 years (I Samuel 7:2)
  - God had instructed Israel to atone every year on that Ark of the Covenant (Leviticus 16:34). If the Ark of the Covenant was in a man’s house for 20 years, it meant that for 20 years no priest was going into the Tabernacle of Moses and making atonement for the people, and that was a law of God.
  - In King Saul’s day the people were in debt, the people were discontent, and the people were discouraged.
    - In a church, if the presence of God is not there and people keep coming year after year, they will see debt, they become very discontent (they want to change the pastor, the music director, etc), and many times they become discouraged.
    - It is the presence of God in the house of God that keeps people believing that their finances can be met, believing that they have faith for healing, believing their family can be saved.
    - Take out the presence of God and we have an empty shell of a building with people.
  - David then becomes king and goes to the house of Abinadab where the Ark of the Covenant has been for 20 years and he moved it the way the Philistines had 20 years before in an ox cart (II Samuel 6:1-4).
    - An ox cart is two things – boards and big wheels.
    - When they tried to move the ark of God using boards and big wheels, a man touched it with both hands and dropped dead.
    - Boards and big wheels are on ox carts – boards and big wheels also try to run churches. Instead of letting God anoint them as to who the pastor should be, the board decides who the pastor should be. Then they get mad at him and run him off and get another one. Big wheels are those who think that just because of their importance in the community or maybe their level of finances, that they have every right to tell you how to have church. “Bring the ark in, but bring it in my way.” “Let’s have music, but sing my songs.” “Do away with those instruments, they’re too loud.”
    - The boards and big wheels try to tell you how to move the presence of God, but the presence of God cannot be moved by boards and big wheels. David found that out. The presence of God must be moved by people who are set apart to God, who bring Him in with them when they come. They carry the ark on their shoulders. They bring Him in when they come into the house of God.
    - We shouldn’t go to the house of God to get into God’s presence; we should bring Him with us.
      - We need to get out of this mentality that we have to get into the presence when we get to the church house, or we have to get into the presence when we get to the Bible study. We’ve got to understand that the presence of God goes with us everywhere we go. If we didn’t have church on Sunday morning,

it's not because God didn't show up because you didn't worship. If you didn't have a move of God Sunday night, it's not because God didn't show up, it's because you didn't worship. If you begin to worship God is going to show up and the ark of God/presence of God is going to manifest in your life.

- David then put the Ark of the Covenant in the house of Obededom, a very righteous man, for three months (II Samuel 6:10-11).
  - Obededom was a Levite. Only the Levites could handle the ark. David knew enough to know that if he put it in somebody's house it needed to be a Levite.
  - Obededom was a descendent of the Kohathites – the ones who moved the sacred furniture in the Tabernacle (Numbers 10:21).
  - So David knew if he was going to put the ark in a house, the man had to be a Levite, and he had to be a Kohathites, because they were the ones that handles the ark and the altar. He knew where he was putting it. He didn't randomly put it there. He knew he had to have the right type of person in charge.
- It was at that point that David decided, during the time the ark was away, that he wanted to build a place to bring the Ark of the Covenant into the city of Jerusalem.
  - David had a revelation of worship before the New Testament revelation ever came, because he was a prophet.

Psalms 34:18

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as [a]have a contrite spirit.

Psalms 51:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise.

- The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit and a broken and contrite heart.

Psalms 40:6

<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

- He's saying this sacrifice stuff is not really what God wants. He says God has opened his ears to His voice to understand this.
- When David sinned, Nathan didn't say to him to go and offer a burnt offering for a sin offering to God. David may have done that, we don't know, but this was never said. What he told him to do was repent. God wanted David's heart.

Psalms 40:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. <sup>8</sup> I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."

Psalms 107:22

<sup>22</sup> Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

Psalms 141:2

<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

- After he sinned, David really began to realize more and more that the burned offering is a ritual that we go through to show God, but if you're burning the offering and it's not in your heart, what good did it do?
- That's just like Jesus said in Matthew 15:8 " ...honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me."
- We can say, "Hallelujah," "Praise God," "Glory to God," but if our hearts are far from Him, He doesn't receive that worship.
- David began to understand that the sacrifices were great, but if you do it and your heart's not right, it doesn't mean a thing. That's the revelation Jesus gave us in the New Testament. David said, *"Lord this is what You want. You don't want just sacrifices and burnt offerings on an altar. You want a broken heart (humility) and a contrite spirit (a spirit without pride). If You see that, that's what pleases You."*
- David was a worshipper and he fell in love with the Ark of the Covenant so much that he figured that if God would bless the house of Obededom, he'd move the ark to Jerusalem and build a tent for it.
  - Obededom's house got blessed to the max – the chickens started laying more eggs, the sheep started having baby sheep, the goats started having more goats.
- David moved the Ark of the Covenant on a particular day from the house of Obededom (II Samuel 6:12).
  - Where this was, there is a difference of about 18 miles.
  - It says that when David moved the ark, he would go six paces and offer an offering... six paces and offer an offering (II Samuel 6:13). He'd sinned against God by not moving God's presence properly.
  - For 18 miles, if you were God, you saw a trail of blood from Obededom's house to the gate of Jerusalem.
  - David was saying, "Lord, just so You'll know, everything behind me is forgiven. My past is under the blood." Because he makes the sacrifice behind him and moves forward, meaning everything behind him is covered. His steps are covered. If you've ever sinned against God, you'll understand this – how much you appreciate the blood of Jesus. Because once it's under the blood devils can't bring it back up.

I Chronicles 15:1

<sup>1</sup> And David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

- He pitched a tent. This is not Moses' Tabernacle.

## II Samuel 6:17

<sup>17</sup> And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

- David left the Tabernacle of Moses in Gibeon with the priest Zadok (I Chronicles 16:39). The reason Zadok was such a loyal priest is he allowed David to take the ark out and put it in his tent in Jerusalem for total worship. Zadok was still willing to run the Tabernacle without the presence in it. He did the offerings – he kept it going just as God said, but allowed David to take the presence to the city where God will dwell forever.
- Zadok was faithful. This is why God honoured the Zadok remnant and will make them priests in the millennial temple.
- The Ark of the Covenant was coming into Jerusalem and it says David danced before the Lord with all his might (II Samuel 6:14). He had on a ephod. The ephod he had on would not have been the outwardly high priest one, it would have been the linen garment underneath.
- Types of ephod:
  - one the priest wore – goes to just above the ankle
  - a shorter one – goes to the knees
- David's wife looked out a window and started mocking him (II Samuel 6:16-20). When he came back to the house to bless the house, she said, "Oh, how did the king show himself before all the young virgins today who were watching him and put on such a show for them."
- She accused David
- It was a pride thing for her. She was saying, "*You are the king. You need to have more dignity than this.*"
- In the church we may hear, "*We don't need to be worshipping this way.*" "*We are a high-falutin church here.*" "*We have business people in our community and these individuals don't want to come to a place where people are raising their hands and shouting Amen and Hallelujah, and Praise the Lord.*"
- This is the kind of spirit she had. "*Why couldn't you just have a dignified ceremony and bring the ark in?*"
- One reason she made fun of him could have been the kind of ephod David had on. He had the mini-skirt on.
- David was very fit – to work with stone, to walk in the hills – he had some muscles. David put on this linen ephod – the mini-skirt one – and he was excitedly dancing. The women were laughing; he was so joyful that the ark of God was coming in. He was so joyful that God was going to have a dwelling place in the city He chose from the foundation of the world. David didn't mind making a fool out of himself and show the Lord how crazy he was about God, that God let him be the king over His nation to be able to do this.

- David gets to his house and his wife's there calling him a fool, saying he was an embarrassment. David answered, *"Woman, if you think I shouted today, you ain't seen nothing yet!"*
- David pitches a tent and puts one piece of furniture in it – the Ark of the Covenant.
- It is fascinating why God even allowed him to do this.
- II Samuel 6 David brings up the ark of God with dancing and singing.
- He builds a tent to place the ark in – not the Tabernacle of Moses, but a tent with curtains. The Tabernacle of Moses was enclosed with outer curtains.
- There was also a curtain covering it from bad weather.
- He assigned recorders to record that which was being done at the tabernacle (II Chronicles 16:4).
  - In the Tabernacle of David is where a large majority of the Psalms of David were written. We have in our Bible 150 Psalms. According to Jewish history and scholars, many of those songs were written in the Tabernacle. They would get into God's presence near the ark – not touching it – and they would sing around the ark and start prophesying. David gave prophecies all through the Psalms. As they would sing and play the music, there were people with parchment that would start recording the prophetic words that were being spoken while the music was going on.
- I Chronicles 15:4-10
- There were 862 priests assigned just to the music department – just to sit there with recorders and to sing.
  - David gave a song to Aseph to sing talking about the goodness of God (I Chronicles 16:7-36).
  - Master musicians:
    - Chenaniah – I Chronicles 15:22
    - Aseph (percussion) – I Chronicles 16:5
    - Jedu'thun (harp players) – Psalms 39:1
    - Heman (prophetic singers) – I Chronicles 6:33
    - There were 14 second degree level singers who served under three chief musicians (I Chronicles 15:17-18)
    - There were 24 sons of chief musicians who were assigned to be singers (I Chronicles 15:1-10)
    - There were a total of 288 singers – that's 12 (12 tribes) times 24 (I Chronicles 25:7-31)
- They ministered at the tabernacle continually (I Chronicles 16)
  - there were no offerings of burnt offerings
  - there was no washing at the laver
  - there was no standing in front of the menorah
  - there was no golden altar to burn incense
  - there was no table of showbread
  - all that was there was one piece of furniture – the Ark of the Covenant

- It was 24 hours of non-stop worship – continually singing, praising, psalms, choir singing, percussion playing, the harp players.
- David tapped into heaven and saw a vision of what’s called the chariot of the cherubim (I Chronicles 28:18-19). He saw it in a vision and left the plans for Solomon to build a temple in Jerusalem.
  - When he tapped into heaven he heard those living creatures singing *“Holy Holy Holy is the Lord God almighty.”* He heard heaven singing. He realized (like Isaiah) these angels have no rest day or night (Isaiah 62:6-7). David wished he could do that on earth, and God said, *“You can.”*
  - David’s palace was on Mount Zion. The tent was on the mountain – above the palace. David said in Psalms 61:2 *“...when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.”* The rock was the rock foundation of white stone that he pitched the tent on – it sat above his palace.
  - David said in Psalms 121:1-2
    - <sup>1</sup> I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
    - <sup>2</sup> My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
- Imagine: all night long you’re sleeping and you hear the rumbling of, *“Praise the Lord, for His mercy endureth forever.”* All night long. Early in the morning the trumpets or the harps would come play, the percussion and symbols. Can you imagine working in Jerusalem when this is going on continually?
- He assigned gate keepers – watchmen to guard the presence of God.
- I Chronicles 15:24
- <sup>24</sup> ... the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obededom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.
- Obededom and all the sons of Obededom became: (I Chronicles 26:1-19)
  - doorkeepers of the house of God
  - the musicians in Solomon’s Temple
  - over the treasury of the house of God
- When they put the presence of God in their house for three months and saw the blessing of God, they said, *“We’re going to follow the blessing.”* And they left their house and moved on down to Jerusalem and asked David, *“Put us over anything with the house of God, as long as we can serve in the house of God. We know what it was like to have the ark and the presence of God there, and when you took the ark out something’s missing. We’ll just go where the ark it.”*
- Gatekeepers are assigned:
  - to be sure that people who should not be in are not in
  - to keep animals out – you don’t want wild animals running around touching the Ark of the Covenant – you have to protect the things of God.
- Singers were assigned:

I Chronicles 16:4

<sup>4</sup> And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

- The four instruments they used were:
  - harp
  - trumpets
  - cymbals
  - psalteries
- They played them continually and wrote prophetic psalms.
  - Psalms 22 – which has 8 main prophecies about the crucifixion of Jesus – was written as a prophetic psalm to be sung.
  - Psalms – Greek word *psalmos* – and it means **to sing the word**. The Psalms of David were never intended to be read. They were intended to be sung.
  - Pick out a Psalm sometime and just sing it, and watch what happens when you begin to sing the Word of God. The Psalms were written as songs, they were recorded down and sung as songs later on.
  - At the Tabernacle of David, both a Jew and a gentile were able to worship the God of Israel around the ark – even if you were a gentile and you began to believe in the God of David and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
  - **This is a preview of the new covenant where God would graft in the Jews and the gentiles as one new man under the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- Acts 15:16-17
- <sup>16</sup> After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:
- <sup>17</sup> That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.
- God in the New Testament talks about the rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David and He's applying it to the fact that gentiles had been grafted into the covenant.
- Why does James bring up the Tabernacle of David in the book of Acts?
  - The Jews thought that only Jews could have the covenant. But in David's time he had a revelation – there was coming a day when Jews and gentiles will worship in His presence. David said, *"So let's get on with it right now. Let's get a preview going."*
  - If you were a gentile and you believed, you were allowed to go in there and see the Ark of the Covenant without a veil up.

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