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David was not ignorant of the law and its prescribed order in the moving of the Ark. In order to wean David from carnal religious reliance, the LORD ordered David’s path to include a foray into the indulgence of his religious flesh even as HE ordered David’s steps up the stairs to the roof where he looked upon Bathsheba. The resultant outcomes of both instances were ultimately a grief unto David which caused him to fall upon his face before the LORD. *“And David was afraid of the LORD that day.” “And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD.”*

David devised a grand religious ceremony to move the ark of GOD from the house of Abinadab to the city of David. He had a brand new ox cart built and even personally led a large band of musicians who played upon numerous instruments in glorious fashion as they went before the ark in a raucous celebration fit for a king. Yet it was not a celebration which was fit for THE KING of kings and HE demonstrated HIS displeasure in it in the death of Uzzah. *“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice.”*

How quickly can the LORD turn rejoicing into mourning when it pleases him to chasten HIS own. *“Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”* Uzzah should never have touched the ark, but then he should never have been on the cart with the ark in the first place. *“Make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” “For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die.”* Yet Uzzah perished primarily because of David’s sin, even as Uriah the Hittite and the newborn child, of Bathsheba and David’s union, did. These deaths added to David’s grief and though he was initially angered by the death of Uzzah; whenever the truth of what had happened sank in, he was mortified for his own sin and was fearful of the power of GOD knowing that he too was worthy to be destroyed. Yet as awful and tragic as the death of Uzzah was, the LORD brought it to pass in order to lead David from darkness to light. *“Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.”*

Thus we see this complex chain of events take place in order to fulfill the purpose of GOD which is past finding out in all of its detail and we only see it revealed through a glass darkly. Yet we are certain that there is no stone turned nor blade of grass broken which is not ordained by the hand of HIM who does all things according to the good pleasure of HIS will. From the day when the Ark of GOD was taken into captivity to the day when it was ultimately brought to the city of David, every event surrounding it was orchestrated by HIM who is in the heavens and has done whatsoever HE hath pleased. It is with this in mind that we notice that the Ark was brought to the house of Obbededom. Obbededom’s was not a man of great fame or noted for any particular religious activity, yet the abundance of the LORD’s blessing was made manifest there. This blessing which was ordained by the LORD for Obbededom occurred without any collaboration or prior knowledge on his part. The oxen stumbled at the proper time and the parade was halted at Obbededom’s front door along with the corpse of Uzzah in an ox cart. In this I am reminded of Zacchaeus sitting in a sycamore tree, completely surprised when the LORD stopped and invited HIMSELF into Zacchaeus’ house.

Such is the kindness and mercy of GOD who sent HIS SON into the world *“to seek and to save that which was lost.”* The LORD knew Obbededom before he ever drew his first breath even as HE said to Jeremiah, *“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee”.* HE appointed the house of Obbededom to receive mercy and then displayed it when HE saw fit. Who is sufficient for these things? What can a man do or say at the display of HIS grace, but fall upon his face and magnify the mercy of this FRIEND of sinners?

After this visitation, Obbededom could sing with all the saints, *“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”* He could say with David, *“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.” “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”*

Obbededom is clearly a type of those whom the LORD has chosen to be the *“heirs of salvation.”* Not only has he appointed them to inherit an eternal kingdom which HE has prepared, but HE does also appoint an hour when HE will visit them with the light and enjoyment of all of those blessings which CHRIST has procured for them by HIS death on Calvary’s cross. *“Thy free grace alone,” #11 If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepoor@windstream.net*