

#19, Terumah: The Ark of the Testimony

- **Take up an offering:**

- Exo 25:1-2 TLV Adonai spoke to Moses saying, (2) Tell Bnei-Yisrael to take up an offering for Me. From anyone whose heart compels him you are to take My offering.
- It was to be taken from those who willingly gave.
 - Their heart compelled or moved them to give.

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- **Take up an offering (cont):**
 - The willing offering showed the people desire for God to be among them.
 - Our willingness to give and to serve God shows how much we want to know God.

- **Take up an offering (cont):**

- God notices how we give.

- Mar 12:41-44 TLV He sat down opposite the treasury and began watching how the people were putting money into the offering box. Many rich people were putting in a lot. (42) Then a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, worth less than a penny. (43) Calling His disciples over, He said to them, “Amen, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those contributing to the box! (44) For they all put in from their surplus; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything she had, her whole living.”

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- **Build a Sanctuary.**

- The offering was to make a Sanctuary for God to dwell among them..

- Exo 25:8 TLV “Have them make a Sanctuary for Me, so that I may dwell among them.

- Sanctuary = Mikhdash = מִקְדָּשׁ

- Holy or set apart place. A place dedicate for God to meet with Israel.
- A place where Israel could approach God.

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- **Build a Sanctuary (cont).**
 - Since he is Spirit he needs a Sanctuary in which to dwell.
 - The body of Messiah is his Sanctuary.
 - 1Co 3:16-17 TLV Don't you know that you are God's temple and that the Ruach Elohim dwells among you? (17) If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

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- **Make an ark.**

- Exo 25:10a TLV “Now they are to make an Ark of acacia wood ...”

- Into which Moses was to put the Testimony God was to give.

- Exo 25:16 TLV You are to put the Testimony, which I will give you, into the Ark.

- The testimony was the two tables of stone on which the Ten Words (Commandments) were written.

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- **Make an ark (cont).**
 - Testimony = HaEdut = הַעֲדוּת
 - Witness from the Hebrew word Ed = עֵד
 - God's witness is not an idol, but the testimony of His character: His righteousness and holiness.

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- **Make and ark (cont).**
 - This is His Covenant.
 - Deu 4:12-13 TLV Adonai spoke to you from the midst of the fire. The sound of words you heard, but a form you did not see—only a voice. (13) He declared to you His covenant, which He commanded you to do—the Ten Words—and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.

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- **Make and ark (cont).**
 - We don't worship and image.
 - Deu 4:23 TLV Watch yourselves, so that you do not forget the covenant of Adonai your God, which He cut with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything that Adonai your God has forbidden you. We must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.
 - Joh 4:23-24 TLV But an hour is coming—it is here now—when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people as His worshipers. (24) God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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- **A Thought: Why did God need to make a second set of tablets?**
 - This is His witness of who He is, written with His Own finger.

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- Deu 10:1-5 TLV “At that time Adonai said to me, ‘Carve for yourself two tablets of stone like the first ones and come up to Me on the mountain. Make yourself an ark of wood. (2) I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you smashed, and you are to put them in the ark.’ (3) “So I made an ark of acacia wood, cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and went up the mountain with the two tablets in my hand. (4) Like the first inscription, Adonai wrote on the tablets the Ten Words He had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly, then gave them to me. (5) Then I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark I had made—and there they are, just as Adonai commanded me.

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- **Our boasting and glory must be that we know God.**
 - Jer 9:22-23 TLV Thus says Adonai: “Let not the wise boast in his wisdom nor the mighty boast in his might nor the rich glory in his riches. (23) But let one who boasts boast in this: that he understands and knows Me. For I am Adonai who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth. For in these things I delight.” It is a declaration of Adonai.