

The Wonderful Bliss of His Presence

“The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom, the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.”

2 Samuel 6:11

The Ark of the covenant represented the manifested presence of God who dwelled among His people in a special way (Ex 25:22). The God factor in Obededom house brought the amazing blessings upon all his household.

Spare a thought for Obededom. Just before the Ark came to be with him, Uzzah had died for the irreverent act of touching the Ark, who then would volunteer to host the Ark? None! Yet Obededom was obedient to the King's order. During the time when the Ark was at his house, he walked with fear and trembling for 3 months. For 90 days, his family dared not come close to the Ark for fear of being struck dead like Uzzah.

Hosting the Ark was not a comfortable assignment. They lose the sense of freedom in the house. They lived in reverential fear of the Ark. But the very presence of God not only changed his financial situation but also himself as a person. He desired to be a gatekeeper and a doorkeeper for the Ark. This relationship also laid down the foundation for generational blessings from God for his entire family.

Learn to honour His presence and hunger after the reality of His glory. When the tangibility of His manifested presence shows up, His blessings will flow unceasingly (Ps 65:9-11). Do you aspire to be an Obededom of your household? He is thy blessedness.