

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Introduction: The ark of the covenant symbolized the _____ of God, but after years of spiritual apostasy, God's people had incorrect _____ on the ark.

- I. God's _____ cannot be contained to a box (1 Sam. 4).
 - A. Israel was battling against their long time _____.
 - B. Defeats should cause us to take spiritual _____ (Josh. 7).
 - C. Israel treated the ark as a good _____ charm.
 - D. Even the unsaved know God's _____ of power.
 - E. Sin blinds us from our true _____ (Judges 16:40).
 - F. Believers _____ before the lost hurts the name of God (Pr. 25:26).
 - G. God's judgment upon Eli and his sons was _____.
 - H. The _____ of God had departed from Israel.
- II. God's _____ will be proven to the lost (1 Sam. 5).
 - A. The Philistines thought they had _____ God.
 - B. God taught them some lessons about _____ (Ps. 115:1-8).
 - C. They also experienced _____ infirmities.
 - D. God will not allow His name to be _____ by the lost.
- III. God's _____ can have God's power and presence (1 Sam. 6-7).
 - A. The ark was miraculously _____ to Israel.
 - B. God is in control of all _____.
 - C. The Lord proved Himself by causing something against _____.
 - D. The ark was back, but there was still much for God's people to _____ about His holiness.
 - E. Samuel preached _____ messages to Israel.
 - F. _____ always precedes revival.
 - G. Spiritual _____ is something we constantly need (Jn. 13).
 - H. It is holy living, not good luck charms, which brings God's _____.
 - I. After being restored, the Lord will bless with _____.

Conclusion: "Chapter seven is a study in revival. God first raised up a man, Samuel, who called the people to repentance, confession, and cleansing. Intercession was made through the blood of a lamb, and then there was victory" (MacDonald).