

SERMON OUTLINE

THE DANGEROUS HOLINESS OF GOD

I SAMUEL 6:1-7:2

MARCH 12TH, 2023

I. Scene 1: The Philistia Priestly Plan for the Ark: vs. 1-9

Allusions to Exodus

Exodus	1 Samuel 6
send away + let my people go: Exodus 8:25 and 5:1	"send away": vs. 3
take gold with you: Exodus 3:21; 12:35	gold tumors and mice: vs. 3-4
motif of bondage and liberation	motif of bondage and liberation
knowing the Lord: Exodus 6:7; 7:5; 7:17; 8:10; 8:22	knowing the Lord: vs. 9
glory to the Lord: Exodus 14:4	glory to the Lord: vs. 5
do not harden your heart: Exodus 8:32	do not harden your heart: vs. 6

II. Scene 2: The Return of the Ark: vs. 10-18

III. Scene 3: The Danger of God's Holiness: 6:19-7:2

IV. Three Application Points

a. The heaviness of God's holiness demands not to take Him lightly

"We cannot grasp the true meaning of the divine holiness by thinking of someone or something very pure and then raising the concept to the highest degree we are capable of. God's holiness is not simply the best we know infinitely bettered. We know nothing like the divine holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible and unattainable... Holy is the way God is. To be holy He does not conform to a standard. He is that standard." – AW Tozer

"²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire." – Hebrews 12:28

b. The heaviness of God's holiness demands we pursue a holy life

c. The heaviness of God's holiness is answered in Jesus Christ

BENEDICTION: "²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." – Hebrews 13:20-21