

1 Samuel

Did You Know?

The ark of God remained in the midst of the Philistines (the pagans) for seven months; to confirm to all, that what happened to the idol Dagon, and to the people (the tumors and the destructive rats), was not a mere coincidence, but was actually a sign of God's wrath on the pagans. It was also to let the believers offer an honest repentance, truly yearning to enjoy the presence of the ark of God in their midst.

Monday (Read 1 Samuel 6:1-9)

(1) After seven months what did the Philistines decide to do? (Hint- verse 2)

(2) What did the pagan priests and the diviners tell them to do (Hint- verse 3 &4)?

(3) How would the Philistines know if taking the ark caused destruction from God? (Hint- verse 9)

Tuesday (Read 1 Samuel 6:10-19)

(4) What did the people of Beth Shemeh do when they saw the Philistines returning the ark? (Hint verse 13)?

(5) Why did God strike the 50 thousand and 70 men of Beth Shemeh? (Hint verse 19)?

What the Israelites should have done.....

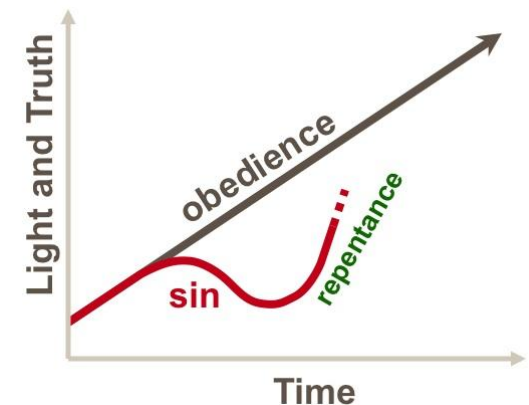
The Israelites should have fell on their faces, once they saw the ark of God; to offer repentance to God. Then they should have called the priests and Levites to carry the ark in celebration. But instead they disregarded the law, crowded around the ark and looked inside. The Philistines, despite their ignorance, honoured the ark of God, more so than the people to who know exactly what the ark of God really meant...

(6) What lesson can we learn from this? Should we be paying more attention to God's commandments and the instructions from the Bible? How?

Wednesday (Read 1 Samuel 6:20 - 7:1)

(7) What did the men of Beth Shemeh say? (Hint- verse 20)

(8) Where did the men of Kirjath Jeaim (city in the border of Judah and Benjamin) place the ark of God?



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Thursday (Read 1 Samuel 7:2-9)

(9) How long did the ark remain in Kirjath Jeaim?

(10) What did Samuel tell the Israelites to do in order to be saved from the Philistines? (Hint verse 3)

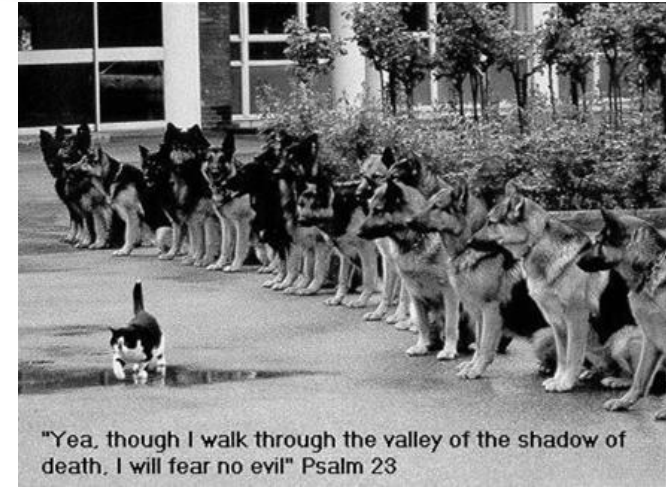
(11) Below is a list of all the things the Israelites did as part of their repentance- why do you think its important to fast when we are repenting?



Friday (Read 1 Samuel 7: 10-12)

(12) Did God accept their repentance? What did God do? (Hint verse 10)

(13) What did Samuel say in verse 13?



"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" Psalm 28

Saturday (Read 1 Samuel 7:13-17)

(14) What happened in verse 13?

(15) What do we learn from living a life of true repentance?

- a- Putting away all the foreign gods (1 Samuel 7; 4).
- b- A collective gathering in Mizpah to worship with one spirit (1 Samuel 7: 4)
- c- The prophet Samuel prayed to God on their behalf (1 Samuel 7: 5).
- d- Drawing water and pouring it out before the Lord (1 Samuel 7: 6).
- e- A collective fasting (1 Samuel 7: 6).
- f- A confession of sins to God before the prophet Samuel (1 Samuel 7: 6).
- g- A need for a burnt offering to reconcile with God (1 Samuel 7: 9).