

# Bringing Back God's Glory

## Part 4 | Samuel 4-6

She named the child Ichabod (which means "Where is the glory?"), for she said, "Israel's glory is gone." .....Then she said, "The glory has departed from Israel...." 1 Samuel 4:21, 22

### 1. When We Seem Defeated We Need to Ask the \_\_\_\_\_? (4:1-3)

At that time Israel was at war with the Philistines. The Israelite army was camped near Ebenezer, and the Philistines were at Aphek. <sup>2</sup> The Philistines attacked and defeated the army of Israel, killing 4,000 men. <sup>3</sup> After the battle was over, the troops retreated to their camp, and the elders of Israel asked, "Why did the LORD allow us to be defeated by the Philistines?" 1 Samuel 4:1-3

### 2. God Refuses to Be used As A \_\_\_\_\_ (4:4-7)

"Why did the LORD allow us to be defeated by the Philistines?" Then they said, "Let's bring the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD from Shiloh. If we carry it into battle with us, it will save us from our enemies."<sup>4</sup> So they sent men to Shiloh to bring the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD of Heaven's Armies, who is enthroned between the cherubim. Hophni and Phinehas, the sons of Eli, were also there with the Ark of the Covenant of God. <sup>5</sup> When all the Israelites saw the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD coming into the camp, their shout of joy was so loud it made the ground shake!

1 Samuel 4:1-5

### 3. Our Enemy Will Fight With \_\_\_\_\_ Against Us! (4:8-12)

Fight as never before, Philistines! If you don't, we will become the Hebrews' slaves just as they have been ours! Stand up like men and fight!"<sup>10</sup> So the Philistines fought desperately, and Israel was defeated again.

1 Samuel 4:9-10

### 4. God Refuses to Be Displayed As a \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-5)

After the Philistines captured the Ark of God, they took it from the battleground at Ebenezer to the town of Ashdod. <sup>2</sup> They carried the Ark of God into the temple of Dagon and placed it beside an idol of Dagon. <sup>3</sup> But when the citizens of Ashdod went to see it the next morning, Dagon had fallen with his face to the ground in front of the Ark of the LORD!.....

1 Samuel 5:1-3

### 5. God Knows How to Take Care of \_\_\_\_\_! (5:6-20)

"Please send the Ark of the God of Israel back to its own country, or it will kill us all."

1 Samuel 5:11

### 6. God Refuses to be Treated With \_\_\_\_\_ (6:13-15, 19-21)

<sup>19</sup> But the LORD killed seventy men from Beth-shemesh because they looked into the Ark of the LORD. And the people mourned greatly because of what the LORD had done. <sup>20</sup> "Who is able to stand in the presence of the LORD, this holy God?" they cried out. "Where can we send the Ark from here?" <sup>21</sup> So they sent messengers to the people at Kiriath-jearim and told them, "The Philistines have returned the Ark of the LORD. Come here and get it!"

1 Samuel 6:19:21

## ANSWERS:

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