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"Gospel Pictures: The Ark of the Covenant"

Exodus 25:1-22

Memory Verse: Matthew 11:28-30

Gospel Picture #1—Giving (25:1-9)

- A. God intends for his work in the world to be financed through the generous giving of his people.
- B. We are to give with the right motive (25:2).
- C. Our giving should be provoked by God's grace.
- D. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Gospel Picture #2—The Ark of the Covenant (25:10-22)

BIG IDEA: God designed the Ark of the Covenant to teach his people how his covenant promises were to be fulfilled.

I. The Ark of the Covenant Manifests God's Presence to His People (25:10-16)

- A. Acts 17:24-25
- B. 1 Kings 8:27
- C. We learn about God's humility.
- D. Philippians 2:6-8; Matthew 11:28-30
- E. We also learn about God's majesty.
- F. The testimony (the Ten Commandments) was placed in the Ark (25:16).
- G. God takes his Word seriously. Do not trifle with the Word of God.
- H. God's majesty is never diminished by his mercy. God's holiness is never compromised by his help.

II. The Ark of the Covenant Mediates God's Grace to His People (25:17-22)

- A. Mercy seat—atonement cover; a place of atonement
- B. Propitiation—to turn away or satisfy wrath.
- C. Cherubim—palace guards for the King of kings
- D. Question: How can we, law-breaking, sinful people enter into the presence of God?
- E. Answer: Atonement
- F. The Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16)
- G. Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:22
- H. God taught his Old Testament people in shadows and types what we see clearly.
- I. Hebrews 10:1-14

Conclusion

- A. Do you recognize that you need God's forgiveness?
- B. Call upon the name of the Lord.
- C. 1 John 2:1-2
- D. The Gospel Definition