

Lesson IX. DAVID BRINGS THE ARK TO JERUSALEM May 30, 1915

2 Samuel 6 : 12-15 ; Psalm 24. Study 2 Samuel 6 : 1-19 ; Psalm 24—Memory Verses,
Ps. 24 : 7-10.

Golden Text—I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of the Lord.—
Psalm 122 : 1 (Rev. Ver.).



12 And it was told king Da'vid, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of O'bed-e'dom, and all that *pertaineth* unto him, because of the ark of God. So Da'vid went and brought up the ark of God from the house of O'bed-e'dom into the city of Da'vid with gladness.

13 And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

14 And Da'vid danced before the LORD with all *his* might ; and Da'vid was girded with a linen e'phod.

15 So Da'vid and all the house of Is'rael brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

Psalm 24 : 1 The earth *is* the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek *thy* face, O Ja'cob. Se'lah.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors ; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who *is* this King of glory ? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors ; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory ? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Se'lah.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The ark of God was the most precious thing the people of Israel owned. It was something like a great box covered with gold. Two long golden poles were fastened along the sides for handles. There were two figures like angels with overshadowing wings upon the top. Within the ark were a number of things that the people of Israel treasured up. Amongst these were the two tables of stone on which the Ten Commandments were written. These were the laws which God gave to the Israelites, that they should obey them. But the great reason why the ark was precious was this : it was a sign of God's nearness to His people. Where the ark was, there God was. You will remember how the Israelites once in the days of Samuel had been defeated

by the Philistines, brought the ark from its resting place in the temple, hoping that having it with them would give them the victory. But because the Israelites were trusting in the ark instead of trusting in God He allowed them to be defeated again, and the Philistines carried the ark away to their own country. But it gave them so much trouble that they were obliged to bring it back to Israel.

Now for a long time the people had not been caring for the ark as they should have done. It was kept in a little village amongst the hills, and the people had almost forgotten about it.

But David was now king. He thought to himself : "We will bring the precious ark to