

# The Ark of the Covenant Series - Part 1: The Tablets of Stone

## Living God's Law Through the Spirit

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### Introduction

Have you ever wondered why God chose to place three specific items inside the Ark of the Covenant? These weren't random objects—they represent three powerful spiritual realities that every believer needs to understand today. In this three-part series, we'll explore how **the Ark of the Covenant reveals God's blueprint for victorious Christian living**. Most importantly, we'll discover that **you are now the living Ark of the Covenant**, carrying these same spiritual treasures within your heart.

### Background: The Heart of Solomon's Downfall

Inside the Holy of Holies stood the magnificent Ark of the Covenant, containing three sacred items. When Moses first built the Ark, he carefully preserved all three: the tablets of stone, the pot of manna, and Aaron's rod. However, when Solomon rebuilt the Ark for his majestic temple, he made a fatal mistake. **Solomon removed two items—the pot of manna and Aaron's rod—keeping only the tablets of stone**. This wasn't just a renovation decision; it marked the beginning of his spiritual downfall. Solomon's heart departed from the Lord because he didn't recognize the importance of all three elements working together. This reveals a crucial truth: **incomplete obedience leads to spiritual decline**.

## What Does the Ark Represent Today?

The Ark wasn't just ancient furniture—it was a prophetic picture of the believer's heart. **Today, you are the living Ark of the Covenant**, and these three items must remain active in your spiritual life. When any element is missing, spiritual weakness and failure follow.

## The Tablets of Stone: God's Eternal Standards

### The Relevance of the Ten Commandments

The first item in the Ark was the tablets of stone containing the Ten Commandments. **Don't be deceived by false grace preachers who claim the commandments are irrelevant today.** The Ten Commandments remain completely relevant and applicable to modern Christian living. However, here's the crucial distinction: **if you try to obey the commandments through willpower alone, it will kill you.**

### Old Covenant vs. New Covenant Obedience

In the Old Testament, people couldn't be born again because their hearts were like stone. So God symbolically wrote the commandments on stone tablets and gave them to Moses. **In the New Covenant, God replaces our heart of stone with a heart of flesh** (Ezekiel 36:26, NKJV). He writes His laws and commandments directly inside our hearts through the Holy Spirit. When we're established in our union with Christ and walk in the Spirit, **we fulfill the righteous requirements of the law effortlessly.**

### How Spirit-Led Obedience Works

This is how it works in practical terms: I don't wake up saying, "I have to obey all the commandments today." That approach kills because it connects with the letter of the law in our intellectual mind. **"The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life"** (2 Corinthians 3:6, NKJV). Instead, I wake up each day and meditate on my union with Christ. By evening, I've effortlessly fulfilled all the righteous requirements of the law. Why? Because **I'm connected with the spirit of the law, which is Christ in me.** In the New Covenant, we live in the Spirit because the Spirit of Christ dwells in us (Romans 8).

# The Deadly Danger of Incomplete Obedience

Here's Solomon's critical mistake: he removed the pot of manna and Aaron's rod from his heart. **When these two elements are missing, the law actually strengthens sin.** Paul warns us: **"The strength of sin is the law"** (1 Corinthians 15:56, NKJV). The commandments must be lived daily with the help of manna and Aaron's rod. **If you don't walk in the Spirit, death is what you'll contend with.** This death manifests in your relationships, health, finances, and every area of life.

## Lesson for Life: The Complete Package

God never intended for us to live by law alone—we need all three elements working together. **True Christian living requires the law written in our hearts, sustained by faith, and empowered by resurrection life.** Don't make Solomon's mistake of thinking partial obedience is enough. The moment you remove any element, spiritual decline begins.

## To-Do List: Living in the Spirit

**Daily meditation:** Start each day focusing on your union with Christ, not on rule-keeping. **Heart check:** Regularly examine whether you're trying to obey God through willpower or through the Spirit. **Scripture study:** Read Romans 8 and 2 Corinthians 3 to understand Spirit-led living. **Pray for revelation:** Ask God to show you how His laws are written in your heart. **Reject false teaching:** Guard against messages that dismiss God's moral standards.

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### Questions for Reflection:

- Are you trying to live the Christian life through willpower or through the Spirit?
  - How has your understanding of the Ten Commandments changed after reading this?
  - What evidence do you see of God's law written in your heart?
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# The Ark of the Covenant Series - Part 2: The Pot of Manna

## Living by Faith, Not by Sight

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### Introduction

In Part 1, we discovered how God's law works through the Spirit in our hearts. But law alone isn't enough—even Spirit-led obedience needs the fuel of faith. **The pot of manna represents the second essential element for victorious Christian living: daily dependence on God.** Today we'll explore why Solomon's removal of the manna marked a turning point toward spiritual decline.

### Background: The Daily Miracle of Manna

The pot of manna contained some of the supernatural bread that sustained Israel for 40 years in the wilderness. **Manna came fresh every 24 hours**—no more, no less. God was teaching His people a crucial lesson: **don't worry about tomorrow**. This perfectly aligns with Jesus' teaching: **"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things"** (Matthew 6:34, NKJV). The manna was God's practical school of faith, training His people to trust Him daily.

### The Pot of Manna: Living by Faith

#### Faith vs. World's Security System

**The pot of manna represents living by faith in God's daily provision.** Many Christians save money in the bank "for the rainy day"—but this reflects the world's principle, not God's. You can have money in the bank, but remember: **it's not for the rainy day, it's for the Lord. It's the Lord's money,** and your trust must remain in Him, not in your bank balance. **If you don't live by faith, soon God's Word loses its value in your heart** and becomes mundane religious activity.

## **Solomon's Fatal Mistake**

This is exactly what happened in Solomon's heart when he removed the manna from the Ark. **Solomon stopped walking by faith,** symbolized by his removal of the manna. Many Christians today make the same mistake—they secretly trust other things in the sensual reality instead of God's promises. **The moment you're trusting your bank balance or health report more than God, you become a sitting duck for Satan.**

## **The Faith Test Challenge**

Here's a challenge to test if you're truly walking in faith, as Paul instructs: **"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith"** (2 Corinthians 13:5, NKJV). Take all the money you're secretly trusting, imagine wiping it out from your bank and giving it to the poor and needy. **See if your heart goes into palpitations or remains at rest.** Some of you have already gone into palpitations just reading this! Close your eyes and imagine giving away all your saved money for the poor—what emotions arise? **Suddenly you realize you're not trusting God anymore**—your secret trust is on the money. **Caught you!** Ask the Lord to help you return to faith every day.

## **Kingdom Principles vs. World's System**

### **The Abundance Mindset**

**We need to persuade our hearts daily,** otherwise we'll think and act like the world and only get the world's results. **Remember this: there is never lack in the kingdom—there is always abundance.** God's economy operates on completely different principles than the world's system. **When you truly live by faith, you tap into heaven's unlimited resources.**

## Practical Faith Living

When worry comes, I take an inventory like this: "Do I have food for today?" Yes. "Is my family safe and with me?" Yes. "Do I have a nice warm bed to sleep?" Yes. Then I simply go to sleep with thanksgiving. **He provided all this today, and He will continue to do so until I exit this body. This is the Father we have**—completely trustworthy and endlessly generous.

## The Deadly Consequences of Removing Manna

### When Faith Dies, Religion Takes Over

**Without the pot of manna, Christian living becomes dead religion.** You go through the motions, but there's no life, no power, no joy. The Word becomes just words on a page instead of living bread. **This is why many churches are full of people but empty of God's presence.**

### The Cycle of Spiritual Decline

Here's how it works: when you stop living by faith, you start trusting in natural things. **The more you trust natural things, the less you trust God's promises.** The less you trust God's promises, the more the Word loses its power in your life. **Eventually, you're living like an unbeliever with Christian vocabulary.**

## Lesson for Life: Daily Dependence

**Faith isn't a one-time decision—it's a daily choice to depend on God's provision.** Every morning, you must choose: Will I trust God today or will I trust in my own resources? **The pot of manna reminds us that God's provision is always fresh, always sufficient, always on time.** Don't make Solomon's mistake of removing daily faith from your spiritual life.

## To-Do List: Cultivating Daily Faith

**Morning declaration:** Start each day declaring your dependence on God's provision. **Trust inventory:** Regularly examine what you're secretly trusting instead of God. **Practice gratitude:** Thank God for today's provision before asking for tomorrow's. **Give generously:** Practice giving as a way to build trust in God's provision. **Reject worry:** When anxiety comes,

take inventory of God's current provision. **Study God's faithfulness:** Read testimonies of God's provision in Scripture and in others' lives. **Pray for faith:** Ask God to increase your faith daily (Luke 17:5).

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### **Questions for Reflection:**

- What are you secretly trusting more than God's promises?
  - How has worry affected your ability to trust God's provision?
  - What would change in your life if you truly believed God's resources are unlimited?
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# The Ark of the Covenant Series - Part 3:

## Aaron's Rod

### Walking in Resurrection Power

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### Introduction

We've learned about God's law written in our hearts and the necessity of daily faith. Now we discover the third essential element: **the supernatural power that makes it all possible**. **Aaron's rod represents resurrection power**—the same power that raised Jesus from the dead. Today we'll explore how this power transforms dry, dead religion into vibrant, living faith.

### Background: The Miracle of Aaron's Rod

The story of Aaron's rod budding is found in Numbers 17, where God settles a dispute about spiritual authority. **God instructed Moses to bring staffs from all twelve tribal leaders and place them in the tabernacle**. These were dead, dry wooden rods—no life, no potential for growth. **The next day, Aaron's rod had budded, blossomed with almond branches, and produced fruit**. Think about this miracle: **a dry rod placed in God's presence produced living plants with fruit overnight**. Through this miracle, **Aaron was chosen as the high priest forever**.

### The Prophetic Picture of the Cross

**Do you see the parallel with the cross?** Jesus was nailed to a dry wooden cross—dead, lifeless timber. **On the third day, life everlasting was blooming out of that cross**. Through His resurrection, **Jesus became our High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek**



(Hebrews 7:17, NKJV). **Aaron's rod points directly to the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.**

## **Aaron's Rod: Resurrection Power in Action**

### **The Power That Brings Life from Death**

**Aaron's rod represents the resurrection power that dwells within every believer. This is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and now lives in you. "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Romans 8:11, NKJV). When we live by the faith of the Son of God, the Word written in our hearts comes alive. We get to walk in resurrection power every single day.**

### **The Complete Picture: You Are the Living Ark**

**Here's the amazing truth: YOU ARE THE LIVING ARK OF THE COVENANT NOW!** At new birth, God placed a new heart inside you with His Word written within. **You live by the faith of the Son of God** (represented by the manna). **You walk in resurrection power** (represented by Aaron's rod). **All three elements work together to create victorious Christian living.**

## **How Resurrection Power Works**

### **Overcoming the Flesh**

**Resurrection power is the power of the Spirit that helps us overcome the flesh. This isn't about trying harder or being more disciplined—it's about connecting with the power that's already inside you. The power to overcome flesh is already inside you through the Holy Spirit. You don't need to earn it, work for it, or prove you're worthy of it. You simply need to acknowledge it and see victory in every area of your previous failures.**

## **From Death to Life**

**Resurrection power transforms every area of death in your life into abundant life.** Where there was spiritual death, there's now vibrant relationship with God. Where there were dead relationships, there's now love and reconciliation. Where there was financial death, there's now provision and blessing. **The same power that raised Jesus works in every area of your life.**

## **The Danger of Removing Aaron's Rod**

### **When Power Is Missing**

**When Aaron's rod is removed from your spiritual life, everything becomes a struggle.** You know God's law (the tablets), you might even try to live by faith (the manna), but without resurrection power, you're limited to human strength. **This is why many Christians live defeated lives despite knowing the Bible and trying to believe. They're missing the supernatural power that makes victory possible.**

### **The Importance of All Three Elements**

**God designed all three elements to work together: The tablets of stone** provide the moral framework written in your heart. **The pot of manna** supplies the daily faith to trust God's provision. **Aaron's rod** delivers the resurrection power to overcome every obstacle. **Remove any element, and the whole system becomes weakened.**

## **Lesson for Life: Walking in Your True Identity**

**You are not just a forgiven sinner—you are the living Ark of the Covenant. The same presence that dwelt in the Holy of Holies now dwells in you. Stop living beneath your spiritual inheritance and start walking in resurrection power. Every challenge you face is an opportunity to demonstrate God's power working through you.**

## **To-Do List: Activating Resurrection Power**

**Daily acknowledgment:** Start each day acknowledging the resurrection power within you.

**Identity declaration:** Remind yourself: "I am the living Ark of the Covenant." **Power**

**connection:** Before facing challenges, connect with the Spirit's power through prayer. **Victory expectation:** Expect to see God's power demonstrated in your circumstances. **Testimony preparation:** Look for opportunities to share how God's power works through you. **Overcome analysis:** Identify areas where you've been relying on human strength instead of God's power. **Scripture meditation:** Study passages about resurrection power (Romans 8, Ephesians 1:18-20). **Faith integration:** Combine all three elements: law in heart, daily faith, and resurrection power.

## Conclusion: The Complete Christian Life

**God never intended for you to live a powerless, defeated Christian life. He has equipped you with everything you need for victory:** His law written in your heart, daily faith for provision, and resurrection power for overcoming. **Don't make Solomon's mistake of removing essential elements from your spiritual life. Embrace your identity as the living Ark of the Covenant and walk in the fullness of God's power.**

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### Questions for Reflection:

- How has your understanding of your spiritual identity changed through this series?
- In what areas of your life do you need to start walking in resurrection power?
- Which of the three elements (law, faith, power) do you most need to strengthen?

### Final Challenge:

**This week, pray this prayer daily:** "Lord, I acknowledge that I am Your living Ark. Your law is written in my heart, I live by faith in Your daily provision, and I walk in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. Help me to never remove any of these elements from my spiritual life. Amen."

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