

ENQUIRING OF THE LORD

I Chron. 13

1. CRITICAL TIME FOR DIRECTION AND WISDOM
 1. In the natural, because of the raging war.
 2. In the spiritual, because we are in great conflict.

2. WHY GO TO THE OLD TESTAMENT?
 1. I Tim. 3:16 - *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable..."*
 2. I Cor. 15:46 - *"First the natural, then the spiritual."*
 3. I Cor. 10:11 - *"Now all these things happened unto them for examples..."*

3. A MISSING INGREDIENT
 1. Realized the ark was not there (the glory and the anointing).
 2. David gathered the captains and leaders.
 1. In the multitude of counselors there is safety.
 2. Purpose of consultation.
 3. Hopefully out of it to hear from God.
 4. To have agreement.
 5. To have cooperative effort.
 3. Gathering of the congregation.
 1. Make two trumpets of silver (Hum. 10).
 2. Blow with both; the gathering of the congregation (assembly).
 3. Blow with one, calling together of the princes (leaders).
 4. To bring back the ark of God.

4. FOR WE ENQUIRED NOT AT IT IN THE DAYS OF SAUL.
 1. (Saul) enquired not of the Lord--he died--kingdom taken from him.
 2. Zeph. 1:2, 6:
 1. V. 2 - *"I will utterly consume all things from off the land."*
 2. V. 6 - *"And them that are turned back from the Lord; and those that have not sought the Lord, nor enquired for him."*

5. AND THEY RETURNED AND ENQUIRED EARLY AFTER GOD (Ps. 78:34-35)
 1. V. 34 - *"When he slew them, then they sought him; and they returned and enquired early after God."*
 2. V. 35 - *"And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer."*

6. EFFORT TO BRING THE ARK BACK
 1. Brought up on new cart.
 1. Doing it different than God's ordained way.
 2. Doing it easier; less demanding; not as much effort required; less demanding on the flesh.
 2. Breach made.
 1. Oxen stumbled.
 2. Uzza put hand to ark.
 3. None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the Lord chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him forever.
 3. To the Levites: sanctify yourselves both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel unto the place that I

have prepared for it.

1. For because ye did it not at the first, the Lord our God made a breach upon us.
2. ...for we sought him not after The Due Order.
4. So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark.
5. And the children of Israel bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves--according to the word of the Lord to Moses.
6. And David appointed singers and musicians to lift up their voice with joy--in contrast to previous music when ark transported by new cart.
7. Then is when David danced before the Lord.

7. TIME TO ENQUIRE OF THE LORD

1. And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? and the Lord said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand."
2. Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.
3. And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.
4. And David therefore did as God commanded him; and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.