

## **“Prepare a place for Me!”**

I Chronicles 15:1

“David built houses for himself in the City of David; and prepared (set up, fashion, make provision, ready) a place (a standing spot, locality, home, space) for the ark of God, and pitched a tent (a covering, dwelling place, home) for it.”

The Ark of God in the Old Testament is representative of the presence of God. We see that David made provision for God’s presence. I love the idea that he prepared a place. As you look at the definition of this word place, you see it means home – we need to make provision for God’s presence in our home. We need to allow His presence to rule in our homes. Carla and I have recently obtained two CD’s of just instrumental worship. As we play these in our home we so sense the presence of God dwelling in our midst. Can I encourage you to allow your home to become a sanctuary of worship? Fill it with the songs of the Lord. There is so much incredible worship music available and as we play it in our homes it will help us prepare a place for Him.

**God’s manifest presence changes things.** We see in I Samuel 5:1-12 when the Philistines took the Ark of God into the temple of Dagon – Dagon (the idol) fell and bowed before the Ark of God (presence of God). As we prepare a place for His presence idols will fall in our lives and our homes. Hallelujah! In 2 Samuel 6:11 we see that the presence of God brings blessing/favor. In Luke 5:17 the presence of God brings forth healing. In Acts 2 God’s presence causes an incredible harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God.

Psalms 27:4

**“One thing** I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord (**His Presence**) All the days of my life, and behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.”

Psalms 34:8a

“Oh, taste and see that the **Lord is good**;...”

Psalms 16:11

“You will show me the path of life; **In Your presence** is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Take time to sit before Him and welcome His manifest presence today.....

“May the God of hope fill **you** with all joy and peace in believing, that **you** may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

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