

## Have You Taken God Out Of The Box You Stored Him In?

There is a wooden box in the Scriptures called 'The Ark of the Covenant'. It is a very special box. It was constructed by Moses according to God's Instructions, "At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood", Deuteronomy 10:1.

God told Moses to obtain two tables of stone using the same specifications as the first two tables.

Moses had smashed the first two tables of the Law when he saw the golden calf.

By the intercession of Moses, God - the Father - reestablished His Covenant with Israel.

Consider the following two Scriptures,

"At first God created the heaven and the earth, and the earth was without form, and void. Darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. God said, Let there is light: and there was light", Genesis 1:1-3.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men", John 1:1-4.

The Creative acts in Genesis. The Commandments in Exodus. Both came from the same source. The Voice of God that was to become flesh, stored in a box.

Many years ago when I was a young man, people would purchase a Bible - often with two locks attached to the cover - and except to enter the family history on the fly sheet, they would never be opened.

It was literally 'Keep God in the box. For those who did open the box, they found it contained, "...the golden pot that had manna...Aaron's rod that budded...the tables of the covenant", Hebrews 9:1.

The Golden Pot of Manna showed the provision of God to the Israelites in the desert.

The people soon tired of the basics, and demanded 'food that was nice'. Many to day soon tire of the basics of Christian Living, and only want to hear 'nice things'.

Aaron's Rod that budded and bore almonds - it was the rod that God chose to bring alive again. Of the twelve rods, it was the only one to

bring forth flowers and fruits.

The Ten Commandments on tablets of stone. The basic laws on man's relationship with God, and man's relationship with man.

All of which were visible in the Word that became Flesh - Jesus, the Son of God.

It is one thing to possess the box that Jesus is in. If we do not open the box, Jesus cannot enter our lives.

For those who open the box and digest the contents,

The Golden Pot of Manna becomes the basic provision of God for a life with Him in eternity.

Aaron's Rod that budded and bore almonds proves, that, although you were dead in sin, God can give you a new life.

The Ten Commandments on tablets of stone. The foundation of living a life in communion with God, and, as a Godly Person, loving one another as He has loved us.

People, who keep God in His box - a closed Bible, are powerless people.