

**“Restoring Wonder”**  
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**There were 2 tabernacles in the OT-**

**Tab. Of Moses- a DEALING PLACE**—where sin was dealt with—confessions, sacrifices, and covering of sin (i.e., payments to defer penalty) **A MEDIATED PLACE**—reflecting God’s desire to be with His people & Israel’s unwillingness to meet face-to-face

**Tab. Of David- a DWELLING PLACE** (open access to the Presence of God; i.e., the entire tent was the Holy of Holies) **An IMMEDIATE PLACE**—where sin was confronted & confessed—in order to remove all barriers to intimacy with God

- **At Mt. Zion; Simple tent; open access for all into presence of the LORD**
- **Shining spot in the OT—For 40 years**, much of David’s generation enjoyed uninterrupted living in the presence of God (4,000 musicians/singers; 24/7)

**AMOS 9:11-15 (Quoted by James in Acts 15:16—God’s desire for all nations)**

**“RESTORE”- to bring to a *better* state; not simply return to a previous state**

- **“Glory of the latter house *exceeding* the former house” (Hag. 2:9)**

**CORE: David had to overcome OBSTACLES to build his 1<sup>st</sup> tabernacle. In many ways, we must overcome the same ones to see worship & wonder restored.**

**1. OVERCOMING APATHY.** (Wanting relief rather than a relationship)

- **Before David, a Hx of downward spiral of SPIRITUAL INDIFFERENCE**
- **Eli—priest of the sanctuary of Shiloh—had two “immoral” sons (1 Samuel 2:12) who took the ark of the covenant into battle (as a “good luck” charm (NOT for worship) and it fell into the hands of the Philistines**
- **Yet, an entire generation continued to worship at the Tabernacle of Moses w/o the ark of the covenant (*i.e., the presence of God among them*)**
- **Awakened to the apathy, David “fixed his heart” (Psalm 57:7)—to persevere with purpose—to restore the ark to its rightful place**

**2. OVERCOMING A “RELIGIOUS SPIRIT”** (Self-perfection rather than His Presence)

**“Tabernacle of Moses”- on Mt. Gibeon**

- **Despite God’s invitation at Mt. Sinai for His people to draw near—they chose to “remain at a distance” (Exodus 20:18-26)**
- **Yet, Moses, much like David’s tabernacle, would “pitch a tent...face to face, as with a friend” (Exodus 33)**

### **“Tabernacle of David” - on Mt. Zion**

- Unlike Moses’ Tabernacle, was filled with songs, celebration, nearness, inquiry (Ps. 27:4- “inquire”); true **repentance** (“create in me a clean heart”—radical transformation; confessing sin→ to enter in)
- Access to the “Holy of Holies”—no outer court (NOTE: Rev. 21:16; shaped like a **cube**—one big “Holy of Holies”)

### **3. OVERCOMING PRIDE.** (Achieving rather than receiving)

**2 Samuel 6-** In establishing this tabernacle, David experienced painful failure as the result of **launching out in his own zeal, failing to stop and seek the Lord.**

- Loaded the ark on an ox cart (“Ox”- symbol of strength)
- “Uzzah” (*strength*) lost his life; “strength alone” failed (Zech. 4:6)
- With his pride wounded, David almost aborted the mission (2 Sam. 6:9)

#### **GOD’S WAY:**

- On poles, carried by 4 priests (Weighed a ton) humanly impossible
- David exchanged his kingly robe for a “linen ephod”—the garment of a priest; “Linen”—that you “may not sweat” (Ezek. 44:18)

#### **CLOSING THOUGHTS:**

**(The Psalms of David & his worship teams reflect the heart of his tabernacle)**

#### **1. CHILDLIKE TRUST**

- David was a warrior—inspiring other “mighty men” to courageous acts
- Yet, he knew how to be a child in His presence  
    “Your gentleness (*stooping to my weakness*) has made me great (*increase*)” (Psalm 18:35)

#### **2. PASSION TO GLORIFY THE LORD**

***Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. May your glory shine over all the earth. (Psalm 108:5)***

- He IS exalted in the Heavenly realm
- He WIL BE exalted on the earth!