

New Life Christian Fellowship

The Philistines were the original raiders of the Ark! Stealing it, they left the Israelites lost, without the presence of God and the symbol of God's promise.

The Ark was placed in Dagon, the Philistines god's, temple. The next day Dagon's statue was face down on the ground. They re-positioned it. The second day Dagon's statue had fallen, the head and arms smashed off!

If the Ark were in our houses, what would fall?

Maybe the Philistines thought the Ark would bring them luck? "Lets mix a pinch of God in our lives, just in case..." This is not how it works!

Everything has to be fully subject to God, King of the universe. Dagon's only power was the influence over its worshipers. If we rely on anything other than Creator God, we stand on unstable, dangerous ground.

God then demonstrated power, sending swarms of rats; people became infested with boils. Rather than returning the coveted "magic box", they moved it to Royal city, Gath. They too suffered. Eventually, they sent it to the home of their top god, Baal Zebub, to see if he could put God in His place. It did not work; they were infected with piles!

There's a lesson in this for us. We must decide what we are going to do with the Lord.

We either accept or reject Him, there is no in between.

We can not take a pinch of God for good luck, or pass Him around until we decide what to do. If we keep things to ourselves, then we are asking for trouble.

We no longer need the Ark because Jesus is The Way, we can now be in God's presence forever. When the Ark was lost and Jesus died, the followers felt defeated. When the Ark was reclaimed and Jesus was resurrected, victory! Jesus' apparent defeat in death ended up giving death a good kicking, achieving the impossible!

If you are facing troubles, don't depend on powerless idols or ideas; call on the Creator who can break every stronghold. If you feel weak, defeated or troubled, remember you are not beaten or abandoned. God is with you, call on Him to give you strength, put Him in His rightful place, first.

It's time Trust in God. To let go, let God smash those things that come between you and Him. He cares for you.

New Life Christian Fellowship meet in Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am Sundays, all welcome. Call 01834 831533/07827293781 if you want to talk or would like us to pray.

