



“And let us bring again the ark of God to us; for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul.” 1 Chronicles 13:3

How long has it been since you’ve genuinely sought the LORD? It appears that Israel had not stood before the Presence for over forty years! The routines of life can cause us to become so set in our own ways which then in turn dull us to the glory, power, and wisdom available to us by the Holy Spirit’s presence in our lives. Yes, as Christians, the Lord is in our lives even as the Ark of God was present in Israel, but, do we like Israel, forget the Greater One who is indwelling us? “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4).

It is the task of the Holy Spirit to “make intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered (Romans 8:26), but it is also our responsibility to stir up the gift of God, which is in you...” (2 Timothy 1:6). Our failure to inquire of the Lord reveals a far deeper internal problem than the apparent lack of prayer we may see on the surface. To not be conscious of the Lord’s presence over long periods of time reveals a self focus and an independent spirit that has excluded Him from our lives.

“Lord, forty years is too long! But I confess that my four months, or four days, or even four minutes is too long of a time to walk independently from Your gracious presence.”

“Pray without ceasing.”