



“Is God There? Does He Interact with Creation?”
1 Samuel 6

I. After two toppling episodes with Dagon and after three cities experienced plagues the Philistines seek their priests for advice in _____ the ark (6:1-2).

a. The priests advise more than a simple returning of the ark—inclusion of a _____
_____ is advised (6:3-6).

Exodus 12:35-36

b. Even with five _____ of God’s displeasure over seven months, there is an element of _____ that God had really worked and a test is established to give one final confirmation that God is involved (6:7-9).

II. The ark returns to Israel with the cows _____ the entire way (7:10-12).

a. Israel _____ God as the ark returns (7:13-18).

b. As if to place an exclamation point on God’s demand for respect and _____ lack thereof, the men of Beth Shemesh experience multiple deaths for deciding to take a _____ into the ark (7:19-21).

Numbers 4:5-6; Hebrews 11:3

Questions for Tonight:

1. The Philistines observed five rounds of God’s hand at work in their midst. In what ways do unbelievers today ignore signs in their own lives that there is a God? In what ways do believers exhibit our struggle with doubting God?
2. Mr. Elon Musk and others believe there is a probability that we are living in a computer simulation. What is the basis of morality in a computer simulation? (e.g. What are the moral implications of murder in a computer simulation?)
3. What are the reasons mankind’s vain imaginations invent theories of programmers of a simulation or placement by aliens while rejecting consistent testimony to the One True God throughout various eras of human history?

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