

## Sermon Notes



Title: "Ark - e - ology 102"

Text: *1 Samuel Chapters 5 and 6*

### 1. The Humiliation of Dagon

### 2. The Victory Tour

### 3. The Return and the Reminder

### 4. The Destiny of the Ark

### Study Questions:

1. What theological statement were the Philistines trying to make by placing the ark "beside" Dagon?
2. How does Exodus 12:12 relate to this story in 1 Samuel?
3. Read Leviticus 5:1-6:7 about the guilt offering. Do you think the Philistines were attempting to give glory to the God of Israel in 1 Sam 6:17-18?
4. How can we strike a balance between two facts: that God is totally self-sufficient and that He graciously uses us in his service?
5. God spoke to the Philistines through the cows. Can you think of another time when He spoke through an animal? Hint: The book of Numbers.
6. What is the difference between intimacy and familiarity in our dealings with God?
7. In what ways did the Israelites of Beth-shemesh act like Philistines? In what ways did they not?
8. Who is able to stand before Yahweh, this Holy God?

