

"And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken." 1 Samuel 4:21-22



“Ichabod” is from two Hebrew words. “i” = not, and “kabod” = glorious. The Ark of the Covenant contained the Law of God; Aaron’s rod; and manna. In the wonderful alliteration of my evangelist friend, Tom Hayes, these represent the **Word** of God, the **Work** of

God, and the **Wonder** of God. When these are gone, God is gone. Believers are the “temples” of the Holy Ghost; sanctified, set apart, for the express purpose of worshipping the, I AM. Sadly, there is no Word, Work, or Wonder of God in the lives of many believers. “*The Glory is departed,*” and “*Ichabod*” is scribed on the hearts and worship assemblies of the vast majority of professing Christians. Until the “Glory” returns, God will not be present. I’m afraid God himself will have to affect the cure, by “catching away” believers. We wander aimlessly about spiritually, looking for the power which we’ve allowed the enemy to capture. We paraded our faith around like some sort of talisman, with no real understanding of the fierce demands our Sovereign has placed on the protocols of His Presence. God will not be “added to” anything. He is either totally in possession and command or He is not at all. He is THE LORD and “*beside Him there is no other!*” The enemy is victorious, because we thought to “add” God to our battles instead of “worshipping” God in the “Temple.” You don’t take God anywhere. You go where he is. Firstly, God is everywhere. Secondly, God does not perform at the behest of anyone. Thirdly, believers faithfully performing “temple” worship functions as the priests they are would have no worries about the enemy. You don’t stop “Temple” work to fight the enemy. If believers kept the “main thing” the “main thing,” Satan and evil would stay defeated. God is not commanded by “binding” Him to His promises as many heretically preach. We do not need to bind God to His Word. We need to bind “us” to His Word. Too many preach “feel good” religion, and not “do right” faith.

In Ark of God, these three abide,
The Wonder, Work, and Word inscribed,
We all must “temple keepers” be,
To keep at bay, the enemy. -CGP

Has “*Ichabod*” been scribed on your heart? God is not a talisman to be carried about. He is a KING that requires exclusive attendance. If you spend your time in the courtroom, you’ll face no defeat on the battlefield.

"But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:23-24