

1 Samuel 4 -6 – The problem of the presence of God

**Getting it wrong
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**1) God's own people – 1 Sam 4
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2) The Philistine Rulers

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3) The men at Beth Shemesh

1 Sam 6:20, "Who can stand in the presence of the LORD, this Holy God?"

For us today

1) God is not there for us to use.

2) A warning for those who think God is defeated

3) "Who can stand in the presence of the Lord, the Holy God?"

- Acts 7:55

Questions

1) Do we sometimes try and use God for our ends?

2) Do we fear that people have defeated God? And is this reflected in the way we speak and act in a hostile world?

3) Do we revere God for his awesome holiness?