God's greatest gift to us is Himself.

2 Samuel 6:12-15 (NIV) - Now King David was told, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lordwith shouts and the sound of trumpets.

What is the Ark?
The ark was a chest made of acacia wood, gold plated inside and out and rimmed with a border of gold.

How do you transport the Ark?
David's heart of worship required that he gather all the scattered items from the tabernacle.

Does God prefer one kind of worship over another?

John 4:24 (NIV) - God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.

2 Samuel 7:1-3 (NIV) - After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you."

David's desire to build a temple is an example of his love for God.

God did not gift David as a builder, but as a soldier and king.

Where do you turn when God says, "No?"

When God said, "no," David sat in His presence and offered worship and prayer.
(2 Samuel 7:17-19)

1. **When God says, "no," He has a better plan.**
2. **When God says, "no," your best response is cooperation.**

NOTES

Public Reading: Psalm 24:4-7, 13 (NIV)

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