

# Exodus 25:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

## Analysis

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The staves must remain in the rings—never removed (compare 1 Kings 8:8). This permanence signifies that God's provision for holy approach is constant and unchanging. Just as the staves were always ready for the Ark to move, Christ's mediation is perpetually available. We never lack access to God through our High Priest who 'ever lives to make intercession' (Hebrews 7:25).

## Historical Context

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The prohibition against removing the staves protected both the Ark and those who would transport it. When Uzzah later touched the Ark (2 Samuel 6:6-7), the result was deadly, demonstrating the continuing necessity of God's prescribed approach.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the permanence of the staves encourage you about constant access to God through Christ?
2. What happens when people attempt to approach God without His prescribed mediator?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 8:8** (Parallel theme): And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

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