

God's Holiness



MEMORY VERSE: "For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name." Luke 1:49



2 SAMUEL 6:1-11 Respect God's Holiness

Under Saul, worship of the Lord had declined. David loved God and wanted all the Israelites to worship Him again. To do that David wanted to bring the long-neglected **ark of the covenant** into his new city so that the Lord, the true King over Israel, was once again in the midst of His people.

1. See definition of the **ark**. Read verses 1-11. What terrible incident happened upon arriving at Nacon? v. 6
2. Are you shocked by what happened to Uzzah? God had already warned the people of Israel that touching the ark would result in death. The ark was only to be carried on the shoulders of the Levites (priests), but David chose to use a cart instead. What does this incident teach about obedience? True reverence? God's power?
3. God is both tender in His love and fierce in His righteous anger. Why do you think that is? How do you think we can maintain the right attitude toward our Holy God?



2 SAMUEL 6:12-23 Worship God

4. What was different about the second attempt to move the ark than the first? vv. 12-15
5. How did David's wife, Michal, view his celebrating? vv. 16 How did David defend himself? v. 21
6. List some of the examples of worship that David shows us in these verses. What are ways we can worship Him?



7. Once David was settled in the palace, what started to bother him? v. 2
8. Read verses 4-16. David was not at fault for wanting to honor God with a temple but it wasn't in God's timing. Who did He promise would build His temple instead? vv. 12-13
9. David was so filled with gratitude and concern for God's glory that he wanted to do something special for God. How do you express your gratitude to God?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

David loved God very much, and he worshiped and served Him well. But even this man after God's own heart had to learn how to properly honor, our Holy God. It is all too easy to treat God the way the world treats Him- casually, disrespectfully, or dismissively. But God wants us to serve Him in HIS way - with reverence and obedience and love. Like David, we sometimes get ideas about something great we want to do for God, but good intentions don't necessarily bring God's blessing. God took David from tending sheep to leading His people as King. If you serve God faithfully wherever you are, God will do mighty things in your life too.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Holy Father,
I am humbled to learn more about Your Holiness. You are powerful and perfect. I pray that I would honor You with my actions and that I would have a proper attitude towards You. Help me to follow Your commands for my life and to bring my decisions to You. I believe that Your way is the best way. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Why is it so important to follow God's directions/commands for our life?

2 Samuel 6:1 - 7:16 (NLT)

1 Then David again gathered all the elite troops in Israel, 30,000 in all. 2 He led them to Baalah of Judah to bring back the Ark of God, which bears the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies, who is enthroned between the cherubim. 3 They placed the Ark of God on a new cart and brought it from Abinadab's house, which was on a hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were guiding the cart 4 that carried the Ark of God. Ahio walked in front of the Ark. 5 David and all the people of Israel were celebrating before the Lord, singing songs and playing all kinds of musical instruments — lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals. 6 But when they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out his hand and steadied the Ark of God. 7 Then the Lord's anger was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him dead because of this. So Uzzah died right there beside the Ark of God. 8 David was angry because the Lord's anger had burst out against Uzzah. He named that place Perez-uzzah (which means "to burst out against Uzzah"), as it is still called today. 9 David was now afraid of the Lord, and he asked, "How can I ever bring the Ark of the Lord back into my care?" 10 So David decided not to move the Ark of the Lord into the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-edom of Gath. 11 The Ark of the Lord remained there in Obed-edom's house for three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and his entire household.

12 Then King David was told, "The Lord has blessed Obed-edom's household and everything he has because of the Ark of God." So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration. 13 After the men who were carrying the Ark of the Lord had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. 14 And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. 15 So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.

Michal's Contempt for David

16 But as the Ark of the Lord entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she was filled with contempt for him. 17 They brought the Ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the special tent David had prepared for it. And David sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings to the Lord. 18 When he had finished his sacrifices, David blessed the people in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. 19 Then he gave to every Israelite man and woman in the crowd a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people returned to their homes. 20 When David returned home to bless his own family, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, "How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!" 21 David retorted to Michal, "I was dancing before the Lord, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the Lord, so I celebrate before the Lord. 22 Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! But those servant girls you mentioned will indeed think I am distinguished!" 23 So Michal, the daughter of Saul, remained childless throughout her entire life.

2 Samuel 7:1-16 The Lord's Covenant Promise to David

1 When King David was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all the surrounding enemies, 2 the king summoned Nathan the prophet. "Look," David said, "I am living

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in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of God is out there in a tent!” 3 Nathan replied to the king, “Go ahead and do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you.” 4 But that same night the Lord said to Nathan, 5 “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord has declared: Are you the one to build a house for me to live in? 6 I have never lived in a house, from the day I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until this very day. I have always moved from one place to another with a tent and a Tabernacle as my dwelling. 7 Yet no matter where I have gone with the Israelites, I have never once complained to Israel’s tribal leaders, the shepherds of my people Israel. I have never asked them, “Why haven’t you built me a beautiful cedar house?”’ 8 “Now go and say to my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies has declared: I took you from tending sheep in the pasture and selected you to be the leader of my people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have destroyed all your enemies before your eyes. Now I will make your name as famous as anyone who has ever lived on the earth! 10 And I will provide a homeland for my people Israel, planting them in a secure place where they will never be disturbed. Evil nations won’t oppress them as they’ve done in the past, 11 starting from the time I appointed judges to rule my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

“Furthermore, the Lord declares that he will make a house for you — a dynasty of kings! 12 For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. 13 He is the one who will build a house — a temple — for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he sins, I will correct and discipline him with the rod, like any father would do. 15 But my favor will not be taken from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from your sight. 16 Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever.”

Ark of the Covenant - a chest that Moses built in the wilderness that represented the immediate presence and glory of God to the people of Israel. It contained the stone tablets (10 Commandments), a jar of manna, and the rod of Aaron. God was not inside the chest, but the chest was a place where God could meet with His people.

Reverence - honor and respect that is deeply felt and outwardly demonstrated. Because of the Lord God’s awesome power and majesty, He is deserving of the highest level of reverence.