

Leading in Worship

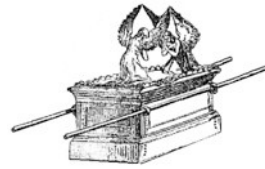
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What We’re Learning in This Series:

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2. Because of his faith, a leader finds peace within himself and then offers peace to others. (Ps. 131:2)

David’s Prosperity — (2 Samuel 6:1)

- His city — Jerusalem. “City of David”
- His palace — built of cedar
- His victories — Philistines removed
- His army — 30,000 chosen men



David’s Passion — (2 Samuel 6:2-5)

- David wanted God’s presence in the city of Jerusalem. That meant he had to retrieve God’s Ark.

A Review of the Ark of the Covenant



- David went to Baalah (Kiriath-jearim) to recover the Ark.
- The Ark of “The Name.” — Lord Almighty, Jehovah, His character.

“Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed His name, the LORD. ⁶And He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

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- God is enthroned on the Ark of the Covenant. Although David was Israel’s king, he knew who the real King was!

David’s Problem — (2 Samuel 6:6-8)

- The Ark of God was placed on a cart.
- A man, not a priest, touched the ark to steady it.

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- David became angry at God for the death of a “good man.”

David’s Prudence — (2 Samuel 6:9-11 & 1 Chronicles 15:1-13)

- He fears the Lord. (awe and respect)
- He waits for answers. — 3 months!
- He seeks God’s plan for moving the Ark.

“Then David said, “No one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, because the LORD chose them to carry the ark of the LORD and to minister before Him forever.” - 1 Chron. 15:2

- He confessed his sin.

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- He follows God’s instructions to the letter. (*priests, poles, praise*)

David’s Praise — (2 Samuel 6:12-23)

- David brought the Ark of God to Jerusalem in humility and worship.
- He explained that he was willing to be humiliated if that meant that God would be honoured.

“I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honour.” - 2 Samuel 6:22

- Michal, David’s wife, became barren because of her pride.

What Do We Learn?

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2. Having the right motivation, but failing to follow God’s instructions, is just wrong! (“But he has a good heart!”)
3. God forgives. And after making a mistake, it is good to go back and try again with the right formula.
4. A leader understands that there is a “King” over him/ her and then points others to that “King.”
5. True worship is simple obedience.

“But Samuel replied: “Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.” - 1 Samuel 15:22

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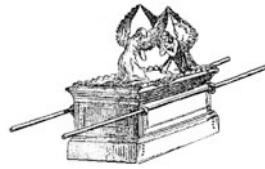
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