

## THE ARK BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM



### 2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 6

Verse 1 -5

David again brought together out of Israel chosen men, thirty thousand in all. He and all his men set out from Baalah of Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim that are on the ark. They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzziah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals.

Verse 6 -7

When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down and he died there beside the ark of God.

Verse 8

Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

Verse 9 -11

David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, "How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?" He was not willing to take the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.

Verse 12-15

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 down and brought 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. David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

Verse 16

As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

Verse 17-19

They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

Verse 20

When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!"

Verse 21- 22

David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD's people Israel – I will celebrate before the LORD. 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 honor."

Verse 23

And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death

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# VALUE

**Imagine** if you were given the responsibility to carry the Ark of the  
Covenant.

Imagine the responsibility or the weight of it to look after something as holy and  
precious as it.

## What and how should one value it

 What does the ARK represent?

The commandments of God / The Word of God  
(It also holds other sacred objects)

 If we choose to look deeper, it also represents a person, a brother or sister in  
Christ.

- If the Word is in you, then Christ is in you.
- We are the Temple of God.
- We are His Vessels, Jars of Clay

When we receive Jesus, we receive the Word in our hearts. We then become the  
caretakers of the WORD which is supposed to be ETCHED in our hearts so we could  
clearly be the messengers of the Good News.

IF we are of this attitude and thought pattern we will have no problem to HONOR the  
Word of God and His Commandments, This will then lead us into a life of holiness and  
submission to the Spirit of God.

Unfortunately it is a habit for people not to REVERE the Word nowadays, It begins in  
small things and then it grows to become bigger till we are blinded by the mountains.

When one does not Revere the Word, eventually one cannot HONOR your brothers and  
sisters in Christ as well

- Therefore one will think they **can touch, judge, and make unholy** the Word of  
God / commands of God
- They can begin to do it towards others, dishonoring them behind their backs.
- They do it to themselves when they practice immorality or covet in their heart

We are the temple of God and if we think we can 'touch' God's Ark, or the Anointed Ones  
of God / His Children / His Chosen Ones in an unworthy manner we will be consumed

(Verse 1-5)

- People look at the outward appearance today and ACTIVELY listen to others instead of using discernment. We know how one can add in or subtract words when it gets passed around. Or don't we?

However once we drink into these spinning tales, the end result is, either we have a lot of love and honor towards others in Christ or we end up HAVING NO REVERENCE at all for them.

Let us not be consumed like Uzzah for not discerning before he touched the Ark, even though he was trying to save it from falling down.

(Verse 6 -7)

- Those of us who want God in our lives, or at least confess we are a child of God, should always **respect** one another. Or at least respect the Word that is in them.
- We should build up our most holy faith so we do not slumber in the carelessness of this society

- **Understand that** when we become Christians God will not keep us the way we are, we are always changing. One level to another each day.

As you meditate on the Word, it tends to change you, the way you think, the way you speak and act.

- So it is natural for God to correct us, simply because we are stubborn. So it is also our nature when God disciplines us we tend to stay away from God because we don't understand or we cannot accept it.

- It then builds up the invisible wall with our relationship with God. God is a merciful. He is always extending His Hand of Mercy and Love towards us. Yet we remain unchanged,

We put up our **'STOP SIGN'**

- A stop to pray
- A stop to meditate on the word
- A stop to love one another,
- A stop to help the needy
- A stop to be a Christian

In the end we fool ourselves that we need a break for a while but actually we will be on the road to becoming permanently disabled from communing with God. The **STOP SIGN** will be etched into our hearts instead of the WORD.

(Verse 8-11)

## *What did King David do?*

**Was** he 'too kingly' to admit he wanted the same blessings?

- He **chose** to have the ARK back in his life.
- In his possession.
- No sooner or no later, but as soon as he heard about how the people of Obed-Edom were blessed he made the decision.
- He knew he was incomplete without it, and even though he was afraid of the Ark, he also knew God always brings blessings when His Spirit is indwelling.
- Note that King David also chose **to share** the blessing with others, including his household

### THE WAY TO OBTAIN BLESSINGS

**When a person decides they truly want something, they begin to treat it differently.**

They will only then start sacrificing each step of their lives.

Re-look at their commitments

Truly become thankful and **remember** to praise and worship the LORD.

With the Value comes the REVELATION to treat the Ark with respect and joy

*Therefore the ARK / the WORD of GOD should become something of **VALUE** to you and I*

When the VALUE becomes a key goal in our lives, we will then

- Carry the Ark/ the Word of God with joy and no complaints
- Accept each and every correction from God as a growth process
- Choose to serve others and it will not seem to be a burden
- Will overlook the transgressions of others and also love them they way God does.
- We know to trust in God and His Word to guide us in ALL matters
- Hearing God in ALL matters as well



ur task is to honor one another, and with the ARK as a reminder, we should touch no unholy things, or speak unworthy (worthless) words but always with the attitude of having that responsibility in our hearts. We are the witnesses for God, with God.

- **What** ABOUT THOSE WHO WANT TO BE LEFT BEHIND? OR WHO ARE AFRAID TO CHOOSE, BUT WANT TO STAND AT THE SAFER SIDE?
- **Who** KNOWINGLY IGNORE THE BLESSINGS AND GROWTH GOD CAN GIVE
- **Who** CHOOSE TO DESPISE THEIR BROTHER AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

There is always someone or something that will sow seeds of doubt. Our foolishness before God becomes distasteful to them.

Such as Michal towards David, she was only seeing a man. She refused to see the child of God dancing before His Father

She wanted to behave as the daughter of Saul, or the princess/ the queen. She had no value for GOD's Ark, but valued herself because of her earthly titles. She had no discernment to see it was all about the ARK OF THE COVENANT, it wasn't about David's dancing. Due to this she showed her contempt to David, forgetting the VALUE of God's Word which is Life itself. In the end she brought about God's judgement upon her.

**So how much of value do we have in God's Word?  
Do we value it more than anything else in our lives?  
Do we carry it and care for it, and teach it and practice it?  
Do we stand before others and declare we are willing to do  
whatever it takes like King David did to Michal?**

*Take heed, our joy is in God, and even though it seems foolishness to the world, the world will reap what it desires, but it will not touch us, we will remain blessed if we CHOOSE to receive it and care for it.*

(Verse 20 - 23)

## VALUE

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