

## 2 Samuel 6 The Desire for God's Presence

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### David made the presence of God a priority

**David's FIRST act as king of all Israel was to take the city of Jerusalem - a place for His Name**

- 2Ch 6:6 NIV But now I have chosen Jerusalem **for my Name to be there**, and I have chosen David to rule my people Israel.

**And the SECOND act was to bring the ark of God to Jerusalem - the ark called by the Name**

2Sa 6:1-23 NIV David again brought together all the able young men of Israel--thirty thousand. 2 He and all his men went to Baalah in 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 on the ark.

### Where His Name is His presence is

- 2Ch 20:9 KJV If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, **and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house.)** and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

### The power of the name of Jesus is not magic - it is the power of his presence

- Act 3:6 NIV Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.**"
- Act 4:10 NIV then know this, you and all the people of Israel: **It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, **that this man stands before you healed.**
- Act 4:30 NIV Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders **through the name of your holy servant Jesus.**"
- Act 16:18 NIV She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "**In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!**" At that moment the spirit left her.
- Act 2:38 NIV Peter replied, "Repent and **be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ** for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Php 2:10 NIV that **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- Col 3:17 NIV And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, **do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Celebrating BEFORE THE LORD - so why did this happen?

3 **They set the ark of God on a new cart** and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart 4 with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. 5 David and all Israel were **celebrating with all their might before the LORD**, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals. 6 When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. 7 **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.

**What they did was not according to God's word - maybe David didn't realize it, or didn't think of it at the time (or maybe because everyone thought it was a great idea) but...**

- They used a **NEW** cart to transport it
  - 1 Chron 13:4 ... because it seemed right to all the people.
- It was only to be carried by Levites with poles
  - Exo 25:14 NIV Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry it.
- They were **not to touch the ark**
  - Num 4:15 NIV ... But they must not touch the holy things or they will die...

How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me? (He wanted God's Presence)

**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. 9 David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, "How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?" 10 He was not willing to take the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. 11 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. 12 Now King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." The LORD blessed Obed-Edom - BECAUSE OF THE ARK OF GOD**

- **He was angry**
- **He was afraid**
- **He was jealous for the blessing of Obed-Edom**
- **His priority was the PRESENCE OF THE LORD so...He figured out what was wrong and fixed it**
  - 1Ch 15:12-14 NIV He said to them, "You are the heads of the Levitical families; you and your fellow Levites are to consecrate yourselves and bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it. 13 **It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the LORD our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way."**

Rejoicing, sacrificing, dancing & leaping BEFORE THE LORD and shouting

So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with **rejoicing**. 13 When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD **had taken six steps**, he **sacrificed** a bull and a fattened calf. 14 Wearing a linen ephod, David was **dancing before the LORD with all his might**, 15 while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with **shouts** and the sound of **trumpets**. 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.**

- Sacrificing a bull and a fatted calf is no small feat
- How is it that two people can have such a different perspective on the same event?
  - David with REJOICING
  - Michal - DESPISING him

## Sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings BEFORE THE LORD

17 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**. 18 After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, **he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty**. 19 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. 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, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!**"

- Michal was about personal dignity
- David was about the glory to God
- David desired to bless the people to bring them all into the blessing of God's presence

## I will celebrate BEFORE THE LORD - undignified and humiliated

21 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**. 22 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**." 23 And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

- Chose me rather than Saul - **pride vs humility**
- Undignified - cursed - looked at with contempt
- Humble
- Celebrate - to laugh / to play
- We must celebrate BEFORE THE LORD
  - People who know the LORD will honor you, people who care about personal dignity will despise you...

### **Summary How badly do you want the presence of God**

- 1) A Priority - something in life will always be a priority
- 2) A Pursuit - do what you need to do to get there
- 3) A Passion - be willing to be undignified

Mary's devotion ... **a year's wages** ....dumped on his feet, then wiped with her hair...it was an act of worship...and public humility...she was criticised by Judas...and maybe challenged the other guests

Joh 12:1-7 NIV Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. 3 Then **Mary** took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she **poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair**. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? **It was worth a year's wages**." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.