

“GETTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE”

II Samuel 6:1-23

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The taxing toll of doing good things:
 - 1.
 - 2.
- B. The only remedy spelled out in the only book David penned: (*Isa. 40:31; Ps. 27:14*)
 - 1. The last 20 years of David's life: (*See II Sam. 6-24*)
 - 2. The longest book and chapter dedicated for spiritual survival: (*See Psalms 119*)
 - 3. Principles vs. precepts:
 - a.
 - b.
- C. Making David's life personal and practical: (*I Sam. 16:12 - I Ki. 2:11*)
 - 1.
 - 2.

II. GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH GOOD INTENTIONS IN MOVING THE ARK: (*See back*)

- A. Doing the “right thing” David's way: *vv. 1-12a*
 - 1. Right principle, but wrong precept: *vv. 1-5*
 - 2. Your changeless God's emotional response: *vv. 6-7*
 - a.
 - b.
 - 3. David's emotional response that exposed his heart: *vv. 8-9*
 - a.
 - b.
- B. Getting the principle and the precept right:
 - 1.
 - 2.
- C. Evaluating two distorted perspectives:
 - 1. David's public and private expression: (*Compare vv. 4-19 with vv. 21-22*)
 - a. David's public expression: *vv. 14-15, 17-19*
 - b. David's private bitter expression: *vv. 21-22 (*Col. 3:19; Eph. 5:28-29, 33a)*
 - 2. Michal's bitter, private expression: *vv. 16, 20, 23 (Col. 3:18; Eph. 5:24, 33b)*

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breathe my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 25:10-22. Original Hebrew term used 195 times in the Old Testament.

NAME

The Hebrew word translated *ark* means, literally, "box" or "chest," suggesting its primary function as a container.

SPECIFICATIONS

The ark's pattern, as revealed to Moses at Mt. Sinai, was to be comprised of a *body* (made of acacia wood) rectangular in shape, gold-plated inside and out with a gold molding (border) around it, forming a rim (A). Its dimensions were $3 \frac{3}{4}$ feet long, $2 \frac{1}{4}$ feet wide, and $2 \frac{1}{4}$ feet high. Another significant part of the ark was its *cover*, called a "mercy seat" (D). This was a covering plate of pure gold that matched the dimensions of the chest ($3 \frac{3}{4} \times 2 \frac{1}{4}$ feet). At either end of this cover was a hammered gold cherub (E, G) with wings outstretched over the plate. Beneath this plate, within the container, were three objects according to Hebrews 9:4--a golden jar holding manna, Aaron's rod, and the tables of the covenant. Jehovah promised He would meet with the people above the mercy seat (A Ω).

MOVING

At the base of each of the four corners there was a fixed ring of gold (B). Through these rings were slipped gold-plated poles (C) by which the entire chest was to be carried. Numbers 3:31 and 7:9 clearly state that handling the tabernacle furniture was to be done by the Levites . . . on their shoulders.

