

## When God Moves In

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**Text:** 2 Samuel 6:5-12

**6** Then David again gathered all the elite troops in Israel, 30,000 in all.

**2** He led them to Baalah of Judah<sup>[a]</sup> to bring back the Ark of God, which bears the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies,<sup>[b]</sup> 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.<sup>[c]</sup> Ahio walked in front of the Ark.

**5** David and all the people of Israel were celebrating before the Lord, singing songs<sup>[d]</sup> 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.<sup>[e]</sup> 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.

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## Background

In 2 Samuel 6, and in 1 Chronicles 13 King David is attempting to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem.

[\(Display a picture of the Ark of the Covenant\)](#)

The Ark of the Covenant was a sacred chest that held the tablets containing the Ten Commandments, and it was seen as the symbol of God's presence among the Israelites.

David was a king who was considered a man after god’s heart. He wasn’t perfect he had struggles and fell into sin. But what was a factor to David’s restoration and success was he desired a strong relationship with God. Saul was more concerned about his position and his reputation.

There was a time when Israel lost the Ark of the Covenant to the Philistines. At the time Eli was the priest, his sons were unfit to lead due to their wild behavior and died. It was so dark spiritually and politically that Eli fell down broke his neck and his daughter in law. Upon hearing about the death of her husband she brought for a child and named him Icabod

In the Bible, Ichabod is a name that appears in the Old Testament specifically in the account of the birth of a child to Phinehas's wife during a time of conflict between the Israelites and the Philistines. The name "Ichabod" is derived from Hebrew and translates to "the glory has departed." **It signifies a period of spiritual decline and the loss of divine favor.**

**The term "Ichabod" is often used metaphorically to describe situations where God's presence, blessings, or favor are perceived to have been removed or absent.**

The Philistines held on to the Ark and found out that when God is not in his rightful place, life becomes painful hard and falls apart. They didn’t know what to do with the Ark wso they sent it to Gath, then to Ekron. The Philistines finally moved the Ark to

Kiriath-jearim and the Israelites picked it up and moved it to the house of Abinadab and it stayed there for 20 years.

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## **What can we learn from the King David?**

**The presence of God is central to our success. - 2 Sam. 5:9-10 (NLT)**

**9** So David made the fortress his home, and he called it the City of David. He extended the city, starting at the supporting terraces<sup>[e]</sup> and working inward. **10 And David became more and more powerful, because the Lord God of Heaven's Armies was with him.**

**Having good intentions is not a substitute for obedience. - 2 Sam. 6:3-4 (NLT)**

**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.<sup>[c]</sup> Ahio walked in front of the Ark.

**Our decisions will impact others for better or for worse - 2 Sam. 6:6-7 (NLT)**

**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.<sup>[e]</sup> So Uzzah died right there beside the Ark of God.

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## **What can we learn from God moving into Obed-edom's house?**

**- Being blessed is a byproduct of letting God move in your life - 2 Sam. 6:10 (NLT)**

**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.

**- God wants to bless us in every way because it is a witness to others - 2 Sam. 6:11**

**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.

**- God blesses us to be a blessing - 2 Sam. 6:12 (NLT)**

**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.

**Obed-Edom served King David and was a blessing to the ministry - How?**

**- He served as a gate-keeper. - 1 Chron. 15:17-18 (NLT)**

**18** The following men were chosen as their assistants: Zechariah, Jaaziel,<sup>[b]</sup> Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, and the gatekeepers—Obed-edom and Jeiel.

**- He served as a musician. - 1 Chron. 15:19-21, 1 Chron 16:4-5 (NLT)**

**19** The musicians Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were chosen to sound the bronze cymbals. **20** Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah were chosen to play the harps.<sup>[c]</sup> **21** Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azariah were chosen to play the lyres.<sup>[d]</sup>

**- He served as faithfully doing what needed to be done. - 1 Chron. 16:37-38 (NLT)**

**37** David arranged for Asaph and his fellow Levites to serve regularly before the Ark of the Lord's Covenant, doing whatever needed to be done each day.

**38** This group included Obed-edom (son of Jeduthun), Hosah, and sixty-eight other Levites as gatekeepers.

**- He was appointed to be a worship leader**