

David: Life Lessons

Week 6 – Worship Before a Holy God
(2 Samuel 6:1-15)

OPENING QUESTION

When you come before God, do you approach Him on your own terms, or do you worship Him with reverent obedience and wholehearted joy?

KEY VERSE

*“David feared the LORD that day and said,
‘How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?’”
-2 Samuel 6:9*

THE STORY UNFOLDS

1. David desires to bring the ark to Jerusalem.
(2 Samuel 6:1-2)

The ark represents God’s holy presence among His people.
Life Lesson: A right desire must still be carried out according to God’s Word.

2. Israel celebrates while transporting the ark carelessly.
(2 Samuel 6:3-5, see also Exodus 25:14; Numbers 4:5,15,20)

Life lesson: Enthusiasm in worship cannot replace obedience to God’s Word.

3. Uzzah touches the ark and dies. (2 Samuel 6:6-7)

God had already warned Israel that those who touched the holy things would die. (Numbers 4)

Life Lesson: God’s holiness must be approached on God’s terms, not ours.

4. David moves from anger to reverent fear. (2 Samuel 6:8-10)

“How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?”

Life Lesson: Reverent fear begins when we stop treating God as common.

5. The Lord blesses the house of Obed-edom. (2 Samuel 6:11-13)

David learns to bring the ark **according to God's instructions**.

Life Lesson: God's holy presence brings blessing when His people **approach Him according to His Word**.

6. David rejoices **before the LORD**. (2 Samuel 6:14-15)

David dances before the Lord **with all his might**.

Life Lesson: True reverence does not suppress joy; it teaches us to **rejoice rightly before the Lord**.

THE MAIN IDEA

What is true?

The Lord is holy and must be approached **according to His Word**, yet His holy presence is also the source of **blessing and joy for His people**.

What should we do?

Fear the Lord, worship Him according to His Word, and **rejoice in His gracious presence**.

Main Idea:

Because the Lord is holy and gracious, we must approach Him according to His Word with reverent obedience and wholehearted joy.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

David asked, "How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?"

That question ultimately points to an even greater one:

How can sinful people come into the presence of a holy God and live?

Jesus Christ is the greater Son of David, who fulfilled the Law we broke, bore the judgment our sins deserved, and, through His death and resurrection, opened the way for sinners to draw near to God. It is only through Jesus that we can come to God the Father.

APPLICATION

1. Let God's Word **govern your worship**. Do not substitute sincerity or emotion for obedience.
2. Cultivate reverent **fear of the Lord**. There is no one holy like the LORD. He alone is perfect in purity, righteousness, glory, and majesty. Never treat His holiness casually. Approach Him with humble reverence, thankful that through Christ you have been welcomed into His presence.
3. Rejoice freely in **God's gracious presence**. Because of Jesus Christ, we can draw near with reverence and joy.