

Can't Touch This!

STRANGE THINGS

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Then David again gathered all the elite troops in Israel, 30,000 in all. ² He led them to Baalah of Judah to bring back the Ark of God, which bears the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies, 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. Ahio walked in front of the Ark. ⁵ David and all the people of Israel were celebrating before the LORD, singing songs and playing all kinds of musical instruments..

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. 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. ¹³ After the men who were carrying the Ark of the LORD had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.

¹⁴ And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. ¹⁵ So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the LORD with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.

(2 Sam 6:1-15 NLT)

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BOTH UZZAH AND DAVID COMMITTED THE SIN OF PRESUMPTION.

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(2Sam 6:3 NLT)

¹² and said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites. Consecrate yourselves, you and your brothers, so that you may bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it. ¹³ Because you did not carry it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not seek him according to the rule." ¹⁴ So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel. ¹⁵ And the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.
(1 Chron 15:12-15 ESV)

How do I presume on God today?

- I presume that it's good enough to LIVE A GOOD LIFE.

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."
(John 14:6 NLT)

"I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of."
(John 10:10b MESSAGE)

- I presume that being saved is ENOUGH.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me."
(Matt 16:24 NLT)

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."
(Matt 20:28 NLT)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.
(Rom 12:1 NIV)

- I presume that being a good Christian will lead to an EASY LIFE.

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 NLT)

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. (Rom 8:28 NLT)

Our problem- we forget to fight!

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