

## The Power of the Blessing

### **2 Samuel 6** 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.

**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.

**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.

## What's Significant about the Ark of the Covenant



1. The Ark of the Covenant is probably the most significant object in the Old Testament to represent the Presence of God...
2. The Ark carried with it the Power and Presence of God...
3. In 1 Samuel 4 when the Israelites brought the Ark of the Covenant to battle, it caused the Philistines to tremble with fear...
  - They said how can we stand against the God of the Israelites, who delivered them from Egypt and all their enemies... (1 Samuel 4)
4. God gave Moses specific instructions on every detail of the The Ark. (Every dimension, every material used, what it was to look like, where it was to be placed, etc.)
5. God told Moses 3 things were to be placed inside of the Ark
  1. **The Ten Commandments** - God's standards of Righteousness
  2. **The Gold Jar of Manna** - A Reminder of God's Supernatural Provision

3. **Aaron's Rod that budded** - A Sign to the Rebellious. (Numbers 17) God caused Aaron's rod to bloom and bare ripe almonds as a sign of his acceptance.

So the Ark is a **Sign of God's Power and Blessing** and in it is a reminder of:

1. God's Righteous Law
2. God's Supernatural Provision
3. God's Blessing on Obedience

- The Ark was lost in 1 Samuel 4, by King Saul to the Philistines...
- Saul was a Sinful, Rebellious, Disobedient King...
- The Philistines took the Ark of the Covenant...
- As a result, God struck the Philistines with Hemorrhoids...
- It was so bad, they said we have to get rid of this thing, so they sent it back to Israel...

This is how they did it...

**1 Samuel 6** tells the story:

The Philistines put the Ark on a new cart. Hitched two cows to the cart and sent it back to Israel with a guilt offering...

From there the Ark ended up at the house of Abinadab

The Point:

1. Samuel Dishonored the Ark. so he lost the Blessing
2. The Philistines Mishandled the Ark, so they lost Blessing

**Going back to our Original Text:**

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- David was handled the Ark the way the Philistines did...
- David was handling something Sacred the way the world did...
- He hadn't learned how to do it God's way...
- How many people want God's Blessing but they haven't learned how to do it God's way...
- If you want a Blessed Marriage... Blessed Family... Blessed Home... Blessed Business... stop doing it the worlds way and learn how to do it God's way...
- After mishandling the Ark and God struck Uzzah dead, David was angry...

Then **Vs. 9**

David was afraid of the Lord that day and said, "How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?"

**Psalm 128:1**

**Blessed** are all who **fear the Lord**, who walk in obedience to him.

David had to go back and learn how to handle the Ark of the Covenant...

Perhaps he went to priest and asked...

Perhaps he went back into the archives and read about Joshua and the Priest when they carried the Ark across the Jordan... and around Jericho...

If David wanted the Blessing of God He had to do it God's Way...

## **Romans 12**

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

In the meantime God was blessing Obed edom...

## **Vs. 10,11**

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I bet Obed was singing the words of this song:

*"I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The son of God discloses  
And he walks with me and he talks with me  
And he tells me I am his own"*

- Then David caught word that God was Blessing Obed Edom

## **Vs. 12,13**

**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.” 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.

David had to **unlearn** how the world did it...  
And **learn** How God wanted him to carry it...

Then David brought the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem worshipping and dancing...

## **Song:**

Closing

### **Psalm 1** NIV

**1**

Blessed is the one  
    who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
    or sit in the company of mockers,

**2**

but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
    and who meditates on his law day and night.

**3**

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
    which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
    whatever they do prospers.

**4**

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.

**5**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**6**

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.