

2 Samuel 6: Regarding Holiness

2 Samuel 5 Review:

- Knowing **God's kindness**, seeking **His direction**, and **obeying His commands** will lead to a victorious life and God's presence going out before us
- **Realizing** we are here for others makes us great, glorifies God, and fulfills our purpose

2 Samuel 6

1Now David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the Name, the very name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned above the cherubim.

- **Ark of God or Ark of the Covenant:** The Hebrew word means "box," or "chest." God's instructions to Moses
- **10 commandments** (law), **Aarons budding rod** (proof of priesthood), **Jar of manna** (God provided in the wilderness)
- Sign to the people of Israel that **God was with them**
- Cover represented **God's throne**
- **Picture of Jesus Christ:** Wood and Gold / Man and God

Luke 24:27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in **all the Scriptures**

Philippians 2: 6 ...who, although He **existed in the form of God**, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8Being found in **appearance as a man...**

- **The Ark is Holy:** Set apart to the service or worship of God; hallowed; sacred; reserved from profane or common use

3They placed the ark of God on a **new cart** that they might bring it from the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart. 4So they brought it with the ark of God from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Ahio was walking ahead of the ark. 5Meanwhile, David and all the house of Israel were **celebrating before the LORD** with

all kinds of instruments made of fir wood, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets and cymbals.

- Celebration: Abinadab's for **20 years**. New cart with son leading the way

6But when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of God and **took hold of it**, for the oxen nearly upset it. 7And the **anger of the LORD burned** against Uzzah, and God struck him down there for his **irreverence**; and he died there by the ark of God. 8David became angry because of the LORD'S outburst against Uzzah, and that place is called Perez-uzzah [outbreak against Uzzah] to this day.

What is going on?

1. David did not seek the Lord

1 Chronicles 13:2 (Read) David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it **seems good to you**, and if it is from the LORD our God, let us send everywhere to our kinsmen who remain in all the land of Israel, also to the priests and Levites who are with them in their cities with pasture lands, that they may meet with us;

- **Peoples opinion**, priests are an afterthought. God's clear instructions concerning the Ark were disregarded

2. Uzzah had no authority to touch the Ark

Numbers 1:51 (Read and stay) "So when the tabernacle is to set out, the **Levites** shall take it down; and when the tabernacle encamps, the **Levites shall set it up** But the **layman who comes near shall be put to death**.

Numbers 4:15 (Read and stay) "When Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy objects and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is to set out, after that the **sons of Kohath** shall come to carry them, so that they will not **touch the holy objects and die**. These are the things in the tent of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.

3. David had the Ark carried as the Philistines did

- Stole the Arc, God sent plagues, sent back on a cart (1 Sam. 6)

4. They should have known better: Some Holy things are **not even to be looked at** (God, the inside of the Arc)

Numbers 4:19 (Read) "But do this to them that **they may live and not die** when they approach the most holy objects: Aaron and his sons shall go in and assign each of them to his work and to his load; 20but they shall not go in to **see the holy objects even for a moment**, or they will die."

- Abinadab should have known; irreverence is why the ark was at his house in the first place!

1 Samuel 6:19 (Read) He [God] struck down some of the men of Beth-shemesh because **they had looked into the ark of the LORD**. He struck down of all the people, **50,070 men**, and the people mourned because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter. 20The men of Beth-shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before the LORD, **this holy God?** And to whom shall He go up from us?" 21So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, "The Philistines have brought back the ark of the LORD; come down and take it up to you."

1 Samuel 7:1 And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took the ark of the LORD and **brought it into the house of Abinadab** on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD. 2From the day that the ark remained at Kiriath-jearim, the time was long, for it was twenty years;

- Now he's watching the Ark being **pulled on a cart led by his sons**

9So David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" 10And David was unwilling to move the ark of the LORD into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. 11Thus the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

- Three months...parties over
- New Testament counterpart

Acts 5:1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, 2and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. 3But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back some of the price of the land?

- Treating the Holy Spirit as common; as a man who can be deceived

4"While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not **lied to men but to God.**"

- Your not dealing with men, but God

Isaiah 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

5And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who heard of it. 6The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him. 7Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, that was the price." 9Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to **put the Spirit of the Lord** to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well." 10And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. 11And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard of these things. 12At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico. 13But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in **high esteem.**

- First, no new converts but respect. Today people are begging for truth...tired of relativism and needing absolutes
- After cleansing, numbers increased

14And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number, 15to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. 16Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.

- In both cases: Irreverence, treating the Holy as common, next

cleansing and finally renewing of God's people

12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, on account of the ark of God." David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of **David with gladness**

(Parallel) **1 Chronicles 15: 11** Then David called for Zadok and Abiathar **the priests**, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel and Amminadab, 12 and said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' households of the Levites; **consecrate yourselves** both you and your relatives, that you may **bring up the ark of the LORD** God of Israel to the place that I have prepared for it.

13 **"Because you did not carry it at the first**, the LORD our God made an outburst on us, for we did not seek Him **according to the ordinance.**" 14 So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. 15 The sons of the Levites carried the ark of God **on their shoulders with the poles** thereon, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

- **Carried on poles** as directed by the law of Moses
- David goes the extra mile as a king under God's rule

2 Samuel 6:13 And so it was, that when the bearers of the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

- David is restored after repentance

Proverbs 24:16 For a righteous man falls seven times, **and rises again**, But the wicked stumble in time of calamity.

14 And David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, and David was wearing a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouting and the sound of the trumpet.

- God wants us to have joy

Psalms 59:16 (Of David) But as for me, I shall sing of Your strength; Yes, I shall joyfully sing of Your lovingkindness in the morning, For You have been my stronghold And a refuge in the day of my distress.

16Then it happened as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and **she despised him in her heart.**

- **Spiritual jealousy**...ugly (Prodigal restored, despised by his brother, Pharisees wanting to kill Jesus because people followed)

17So they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. 18When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, **he blessed the people** in the name of the LORD of hosts. 19Further, he distributed to all the people, to all the multitude of Israel, both to men and women, a cake of bread and one of dates and one of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed each to his house.

- **Mountaintop experience: Blessings...food...**
- **The enemy hates this**, David doesn't knowing what was coming

20But when David returned to bless his household, Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel distinguished himself today! He uncovered himself today in the eyes of his servants' maids as one of the foolish ones shamelessly uncovers himself!" 21So David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel; therefore I will celebrate before the LORD. 22"I will be more lightly esteemed than this and will be humble in my own eyes, but with the maids of whom you have spoken, with them I will be distinguished." 23Michal the daughter of Saul **had no child to the day of her death.**

- **Uzzah's Consequences for irreverence** or treating Holy things as common...Judgment/Death
- God is Holy

Hebrews 10:28 (Read) Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has **trampled under foot the Son of God**, and has **regarded as unclean the blood** of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?