

1 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup> And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim. 3 And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, 4 with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark.

#### 2 SAMUEL 6:1-11



<sup>5</sup> And David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the Lord, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. 6 And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup> And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God. 8 And David was angry because the Lord had broken out against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day.

# 2 SAMUEL 6:1-11 (cont.)



<sup>9</sup> And David was afraid of the Lord that day, and he said, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?" 10 So David was not willing to take the ark of the Lord into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. 11 And the ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months, and the Lord blessed Obededom and all his household.

# 2 SAMUEL 6:1-11 (cont.)



# THE HOLINESS OF DAVID & UZZAH 2 Samuel 6:1-11



22 And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

#### 1 SAMUEL 4:22





<sup>20</sup> Then the men of Beth-shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before the Lord, this holy God? And to whom shall he go up away from us?"

## 1 SAMUEL 6:20







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#### 2 SAMUEL 6:1-2



1 David consulted with the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with every leader. 2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you and from the Lord our God, let us send abroad to our brothers who remain in all the lands of Israel, as well as to the priests and Levites in the cities that have pasturelands, that they may be gathered to us. 3 Then let us bring again the ark of our God to us, for we did not seek it in the days of Saul." 4 All the assembly agreed to do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

## 1 CHRONICLES 13:1-4



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#### 2 SAMUEL 6:1-2





# DESIRING GOD OUR WAY

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#### 2 SAMUEL 6:3-5



<sup>6</sup> And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup> And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God.

#### 2 SAMUEL 6:6-7



"It appears that there is never even a question within many as to whether God will be pleased with our own original designs to approach Him. All of us need to take note that the noble intentions, creativity, and sincerity are not sufficient factors in determining what worship is acceptable to the Lord of hosts, who is enthroned on the cherubim."

#### WALTER CHANTRY

The Life of David



"The light of nature shows that there is a God, who has lordship and sovereignty over all; is just, good and does good to all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart and all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God, is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshipped according to the imagination and devices of men, nor the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representations, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scriptures."

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"[Uzzah] stretched out his hand and placed it squarely on the ark, steadying it in place lest it fall to the ground. An act of holy heroism? No! It was an act of arrogance, a sin of presumption. Uzzah assumed that his hand was less polluted than the earth. But it wasn't the ground or the mud that would desecrate the ark; it was the touch of man. The earth is an obedient creature. It does what God tells it to do. It brings forth its yield in season. It obeys the laws of nature that God has established. The ground doesn't commit cosmic treason. There is nothing polluted about the ground."

#### R. C. SPROUL



"God did not want His holy throne touched by that which was contaminated by evil, that which was in rebellion to Him, that which by its ungodly revolt had brought the whole creation to ruin and caused the ground and sky and the waters of the sea to groan together in travail, waiting for the day of redemption. It was man's touch that was forbidden."

#### R. C. SPROUL

The Holiness of God





"The divine judgment of Uzzah brings us up short in our casual thinking about God, especially when it comes to worship.

God is holy, and He cares about His holiness with a fierce anger."

#### RICHARD PHILLIPS

The Reformed Expository Commentary on 2 Samuel



# DESIRING GOD HIS WAY

13 Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? 14 Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

## ISAIAH 40:13-14





<sup>9</sup> "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

## ISAIAH 55:9





Then the men of Beth-shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before the Lord, this holy God? And to whom shall he go up away from us?"

## 1 SAMUEL 6:20



