

I. David ‘s Response To God’s Discipline (12-13)

“And it was told King David, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing.”

During three months between Uzzah’s death and the second attempt to bring the ark to Jerusalem, David righted his heart with God 3 months, David learned God’s ways of moving the ark from the written Word (Deut. 4)

II. David’s Celebration in God’s Presence (14-20a)

A. David was free to celebrate God (14) - “And David danced before the Lord with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the horn.”

B. David lived in awareness of God (14-17) - “David danced before the Lord...David offered burnt offerings **(wholly burnt, Lordship) and peace offerings **(forgiveness & restoration)**...”**

C. David operated in joy & generosity (18-20a) - “And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts 19 and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his house. And David returned to bless his household.”

III. Michal’s Bitter Heart Revealed (16, 20)

A. Michael valued dignity over liberty - “As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window...”

B. Michael chose judgment over joy - “...and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart.”

C. Michal preferred rebuking over rejoicing (20a) - “And David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David...”

D. Michal prioritized outward appearances more than inward devotion (20b) - “...and said, “How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants’ female servants, as one of the vulgar fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!”

VI. David Defense of His Devotion (21-22)

A. David’s pinpoints Michal’s bitterness (21a) - “It was before the Lord, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the Lord...”

B. David does not bow to Michal’s bitterness (21b) - “...and I will celebrate before the Lord.”

C. David defies Michal’s bitterness (22) - “I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes. But by the female servants of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor.”

V. Michal Reaped from Her Seed of Bitterness (23)

“And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.”