

## I. It Was David's Grateful Dance (12-13)

**A. David had been perplexed** (6-9) - “How shall the ark of the Lord come to me?” **When Uzzah died, confusion set in.**

**B. David had been paused** (11) - “And the ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom...three months.”

**C. David had been persuaded** (12-13) - “So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. 13 And when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal.”

Somewhere in those 3 months, David got educated on God's methodology for moving the ark.

1. Numbers 4 gave detailed instructions on how to handle the ark, including not touching it
2. Previously, they had utilized the Philistine method of moving the ark on a cart (1 Sam. 6:7-8)
3. David then gave specific instructions to his servants for moving the ark this time (1 Chronicles 15:12-15)

## II. It Was David's Unrestrained Dance (14-16)

**A. David's actions** (14-15) - “And David danced...with all his might...with shouting...with the sound of the horn.”

**B. David's audience** (14) - “David danced before the Lord...”

Why all the celebration? The ark was returning to Jerusalem for the 1st time in 20 years!

Exodus 25:22 - “There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony.”

I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment

## III. It Was David's Generous Dance (17-20a)

**A. David sacrificed unto the Lord** (17) - “And they brought in the ark of the Lord and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings **(wholly burnt, Lordship)** and peace offerings **(forgiveness & restoration)**...”

**B. David gave gifts to others** (18-19) - “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.”

**C. David sought to bless his family** (20a) - “And David returned to bless his household...”

#### IV. It Was David's Contested Dance (16, 20b, 23)

**A. Some will value dignity over liberty (16a)** - "Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord..."

1. She chose to be elevated - looking from the palace view.

2. She chose to be isolated - All of Israel was with David (15), why was Michal not there?

**B. Some will choose judgment over joy (16b)** - "...she despised him in her heart."

**C. Some will prioritize appearances over adoration (20)** - "But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David 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!" **She arose to rebuke but not to rejoice!**

**D. Some will receive barrenness instead of bounty (23)** - "And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death."

#### VI. An Attitude of Prevailing (21-22)

**A. David's devotion to the Father (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's declaration for the future (21b)** - "...and I will celebrate before the Lord."

**C. David's disinterest in the flesh (22)** - "I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes..."