



Second Samuel Pursuing the Heart of God

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“Tragedy & Success” David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem 2 Samuel 6:1-23 May 20, 2018 Dr. Mark Strauss

Theme: Now that he has a capital city, David decides to relocate the Ark of the covenant to Jerusalem to protect it from Philistine raiders. Yet tragedy strikes as Uzzah reaches out to stabilize the Ark and is struck dead for his irreverence. Fearful, David leaves the Ark at the home of Obed-Edom for three months. Finally, David brings the Ark to Jerusalem, dancing with all his might before the Lord. When criticized by his wife Michal for such undignified behavior, David responds that he would happily humiliate himself to show his unbridled joy in the LORD.

Outline:

1. David' decision to bring the Ark to Jerusalem (6:1-2)

2. First (failed) attempt to bring the Ark (6:3–11)
 - a. Transported on a cart with celebrations, vv. 3-5

 - b. Uzzah's tragic mistake, vv. 6-7

c. David's anger and fear, vv. 8–9

d. The Ark left at the home of a Levite, Obed-Edom, vv. 10-11

3. Second attempt to bring in the ark (6:12–16)

a. David learns of blessings on Obed-Edom, v. 12

b. Proper transport & sacrifices along the way, v. 13

c. David's joyful dance, vv. 14-15

d. Michal's derision, v. 16

4. Setting up the Tabernacle (6:17–19)

5. Michal's criticism (6:20)

6. David's response (6:20-23)

Takeaway:

God wants us to worship Him with our minds as well as our hearts. He demands obedience and faithfulness but also fills us with passion and joy.

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2 Samuel 7:1-29