

## May 17th – Worshipping for the Lord

*“So David said to Michal, ‘It was before the Lord, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel. Therefore I will play music before the Lord. And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight.’”(2 Samuel 6:21-22)*

King David had an amazing rise to the throne of Israel. It all started when he was a young shepherd boy who was not afraid to fight the Philistine giant Goliath. After his amazing victory, David had to wait for several years until evil King Saul was out of the picture. After the passing of Saul, the entire nation coronated David as King over Israel. Not long after David became king, it was his desire to bring the ark of the covenant back to the tabernacle in Jerusalem.

As the ark began to draw near to Jerusalem, David began to worship the Lord very demonstratively. The Bible says he started “leaping and whirling before the Lord” (2 Sam. 6:16). His wife, Michal – Saul’s daughter, was looking down on the procession from her window and she was not pleased. Scripture says “she despised him in her heart.” When he returned home, she made fun of him for worshipping like “one of the base fellows who shamelessly uncovers himself” (2 Sam. 6:20).

David let his wife know quickly that he wasn’t worshipping for her – “it was before the Lord.” He went a step further and let her know “I will be even more undignified than this.” In other words, David didn’t care what anyone else thought about his worship because he wasn’t worshipping for anyone else – he was worshipping for an Audience of One. How about you? Do you let others keep you from following the leadership of the Holy Spirit in worship? Remember, you’re worshipping God and no one else.