

# ***“Lessons from the Life of David” – Pastor Jim Ruddy***

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## **Study # 25 – 2 Samuel 6:1-19 – According To The Proper Order**

### **I. THE PROBLEMS OF DISORDER 6:1-10**

#### **A. THE DESIRES OF DAVID v1-5                      1 Chr. 13:1-8**

- David's desire to restore the Ark to its central place among God's people should be commended.
- While his motives may have been proper, his actions were faulted in that he failed to search the Word of God or inquire of the LORD for instruction as to how to move the Ark. cf. Deut 17:14; 18-20

#### **B. THE DEATH OF UZZAH v6-8                      1 Chr. 13:9-11**

- David's failure to move the Ark properly resulted in the LORD "breaking out" against His own people in judgment. cf. 2 Sam. 5:20

#### **C. THE DETOUR TO OBED-EDOM v9-10                      1 Chr. 13:12-14**

- Having experienced Divine displeasure, David decides to take no further risk in moving the Ark, but instead, orders that it should be placed in the house of Obed-Edom.

### **II. THE PATTERN OF DUE ORDER 6:11-19**

#### **A. DAVID'S PARTICIPATION v11-12                      1 Chr. 13:14**

##### **1. THE RESIDENCE OF OBED-EDOM**

- The Ark resided at the home of Obed-Edom for 3 months.
- Obed-Edom was a Levite. cf. 1 Chr. 15:17-18; 26:8
- Gath-Rimmon was a Levitical city. cf. Josh 21:24; 1 Chr. 6:69
  - 48 Levitical Cities throughout the Land provided residence and pasture lands to the Levites in lieu of a tribal inheritance.

##### **2. THE CONFIDENCE OF DAVID**

- Having come to the realization that he had attempted to move the Ark in an incorrect way (1 Chr. 15:13), and seeing that no misfortune had befallen Obed-Edom for hosting the Ark, and that God's favor was resting upon he and his house, David determines it safe to bring the Ark to Jerusalem.

#### **B. DAVID'S PREPARATION v12-17                      1 Chr. 15:1-24**

##### **1. PREPARING A PROPER PLACE v17**

- *“David ... prepared a place for the Ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.”* 1 Chr. 15:1; cf. 2 Chr. 1:4
- The Tabernacle of Moses had been overrun in Shiloh by the Philistines during the days of Eli. cf. 1 Sam. 4:10-11; Ps. 78:56-64; Jer. 7:12-14; 26:6, 9
- While the Ark had been captured, the Tabernacle survived and had been pitched in Gibeon to house the remaining furnishing.
  - cf. 1 Chr. 16:39,40; 21:29; 2 Chr. 1:3; 1 Ki. 1:39; 2:28-30; 3:4; 8:1-4
- At this point, there were in effect two Tabernacles functioning: the "Tabernacle of David" in Jerusalem (2 Chr. 1:4), and the "Tabernacle of Moses" (minus the Ark) in Gibeon.

## **2. PREPARING A PROPER PEOPLE v13**

1 Chr. 15:1-28

- It was at this point that David had failed in his first attempt to bring the Ark to Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6:3).
- David acknowledges that they had failed to seek God according to *“the proper order.”* 1 Chr. 15:13 NIV = *“in the prescribed way.”*
- Great care would now be taken to ensure that the proper personnel, namely the Levites, should carry the Ark. cf. Deut. 10:8
- The Levites alone were commanded and authorized to bear the Ark upon their shoulders. cf. 1 Chr. 15:2; Ex. 25:12-15

## **C. DAVID’S PROGRESSION v12-19**

1 Chr. 15:1-28

### **1. THE SHOUT AND THE SONG v12-16**

- The transfer the Ark was accompanied by *“gladness,”* v12, *“dancing,”* v14,16, *“shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.”* v15
- *“And David danced before the LORD with all his might!”* v14
  - Now that David was certain that he was in alignment with God’s *“proper order,”* he abandoned himself to worship without fear.
- David commands that singers and musicians be appointed to exalt the LORD with music and to celebrate by *“raising the voice with resounding joy.”* 1 Chr. 15:16, 25, 28
- This event marks the historical beginning of the ministry of the Levitical singers. The *sacrifice of praise* is forever redefined!
  - cf. Lev. 7:12-15; Ps. 95:2; Heb. 13:15
- All worship is directed to and for the benefit of God alone!
  - Continual worship is set before the Ark, to commemorate, thank, and praise the LORD. cf. 1 Chr. 16:4

### **2. THE SHOULDER AND THE SACRIFICE v12-18a**

- *“When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps,”* (after every six steps), a sacrifice was offered.
  - These six steps may have been memorialized in the Temple of Solomon. cf. 1 Ki. 10:19-20. 1 Chr. 28
- In an exceptional moment, David, (prefiguring the Messiah / King-Priest), dresses in priestly garments and participates in offering sacrifice. Remember the *“showbread.”* cf. 1 Sam. 21:3-6
- David, along with the Levites, sacrificed *“burnt offerings and peace offerings,”* as an act of gratitude and consecration.
  - Saul had been rejected for the same act. cf. 1 Sam. 13:9
- The Levites, and David himself, had received help from God, so as not to be struck down like Uzzah! cf. 1 Chr. 15:26

### **3. THE STAPLE AND THE SENTIMENT v18b-19**

- The blessing of the people and the distribution of the staple foods are signs that God, with His accompanying provision, is now enthroned in Zion and in the midst of His People! cf. Ps. 132:8-15
- It is clear that if continued blessings are to be expected, the King and the people must continue in obedience to God, following *“the proper order”* God has made known in His Word.