

# David and the Ark

## SERIES: DAVID Part 8

### *I. David's Concern: The **ARK**.*

**Everywhere the Ark of the Covenant was placed, God's glory rested there.**

**2 Samuel 6:1-5 (NIV)** David again brought together out of Israel chosen men, thirty thousand in all. He and all his men set out from Baalah of Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim that are on the ark. They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals.

**1. David was the king, a decision maker. He knew that in order for the people to worship, they needed the Ark of the Covenant.**

**2 Samuel 6:6-7 (NIV)** When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down and he died there beside the ark of God.

**2 Samuel 6:8 (NIV)** Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had broken out against Uzzah .

**2 Samuel 6:9 (NIV)** David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, "How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?"

### *II. The Problem Was That David Had Not Done His **HOMEWORK**.*

**2 Samuel 6:10 (NIV)** He was not willing to take the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

**2 Samuel 6:12 (NIV)** Now King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went down and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing.

**1 Chronicles 15:1-13 (NIV)** After David had constructed buildings for himself in the City of David, he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it. Then David said, "No one but the

Levites may carry the ark of God, because the LORD chose them to carry the ark of the LORD and to minister before him forever." David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the LORD to the place he had prepared for it. He called together the descendants of Aaron and the Levites: . . . He said to them, "You are the heads of the Levitical families; you and your fellow Levites are to consecrate yourselves and bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it. It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the LORD our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way."

**2 Samuel 6:13 (NIV)** When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.

**2 Samuel 6:14-15 (NIV)** David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

*When you obey, you're **FREE**.*  
*When you disobey, you're in **BONDAGE**.*

**2 Samuel 6:16 (NIV)** As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

**2 Samuel 6:20 (NIV)** When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!"

### *III. Some Lessons Worth Remembering*

*Two things to remember and both have to do with the whole matter, of FOCUS; one is HORIZONTAL, and one is VERTICAL.*

**1<sup>st</sup>: The better you know where you stand with the Lord, the **FREER** you can be.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: The freer you are before the Lord, the more **CONFIDENT** you will become.**