



Life of

DAVID

The Making of a King

Discovering God's Holiness

2 Samuel 6

Lesson 13

Background Information

David was now king over all of Israel and Jerusalem was firmly established as the capital city. David's band of fugitives grew to more than 320,000 as the men from all twelve tribes pledged their loyalty to him. Thirty men of valor rose to the top under David's leadership, and became a force to be reckoned with. David's fame spread among all of the surrounding nations.

David built himself a beautiful palace of cedar and stone and ruled his *kingdom wisely*. But something was missing. Only God's presence in their midst could restore Israel's former relationship with God and bring with it promised blessing. Though his desire was from God, his method for bringing back the Ark was flawed. He unconsciously adopted pagan practices, from the people he had spent so much time with, as he attempted to move the ark back to Jerusalem. Disaster ensued and served to teach David a very valuable lesson. God's holiness demands that He be worshipped His way, ignorance is no excuse for obedience. But that's not the end of the story, God's grace made a way back into His presence.

Treasures of the Heart

... but He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness.

AMP Heb 12:10



What does it say?

The first step is getting the lay of the land. **Carefully observe the text** looking to see where you might dig to find hidden treasure. **Mark your text** looking for repeated words, contrasts or similarities. Look for answers to, Who? What? When? Where? Why or How?

Read 1 Chronicles 15:1-2 for context

2 Samuel 6:1-11

1 Again David gathered all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand. **2** And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the Lord of Hosts, who dwells between the cherubim.

3 So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. **4** And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark. **5** Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the Lord on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.

6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. **7** Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God. **8** And David became angry because of the Lord's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day.

9 David was afraid of the Lord that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?"

10 So David would not move the ark of the Lord with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. **11** The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the Lord blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

2 Samuel 6:12-19

12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness. **13** And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep. **14** Then David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod. **15** So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 Now as the ark of the Lord came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. **17** So they brought the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord. **18** And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts. **19** Then he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house.



What does it mean?

What **lesson** can I draw from my observations? **Ask yourself, “What was the intended meaning of the original author?”** Is there a command to obey, or a warning to heed? An example to follow or avoid? **State each lesson in a simple sentence that you could share with someone else.** (aim for 10 words or less).

2 Samuel 6:1-11 _____

2 Samuel 6:12-19 _____

2 Samuel 6:20-23 _____



How can I apply it?

Ask yourself, “What course of action do I need to take to apply each lesson?” How should it change me? What does it challenge me to do? Does it point out error in my attitude or actions? (aim for 10 words or less)

2 Samuel 6:1-11 _____

2 Samuel 6:12-19 _____

2 Samuel 6:20-23 _____

Challenge: Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.



Understanding the Heart . . .

See if you can discover the **heart attitude** of those in the story. What emotions are they dealing with? What is God teaching them? How do they respond? How should they respond?

The Heart of David:

The Heart of the people:

The Heart of God:

What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.



Getting The Point

See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

2 Samuel 6:1-11 _____

2 Samuel 6:12-19 _____

2 Samuel 6:20-23 _____

Title State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

Flex Your Muscles Can you discover an N.T. example of this O.T. truth?

Radiating His Truth . . .

Sincerity and enthusiasm are not enough... you must also pay attention to the ritual requirements which God's law has laid down.

— Joyce G Baldwin

