

## **After God's Heart**

Lesson 11

2 Samuel 6:1-23

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### **How Can God's Presence Come to Me?**

#### **Introduction**

Why do bad things happen to good people? In our passage today, we see the well-intentioned Israelites celebrating and excited about God's presence coming to Jerusalem when a mistake happens, and that joy is quickly turned to fear. David wanted at the center of his city to be the symbol of God's presence, the ark. However, they forgot to put God at the center in their actions, and endeavors. We all aim to worship God, yet we ignore him and question his motives when He acts in a way that we don't like. We often want the loving, merciful God, and forget that God requires obedience and faith in the hard times too. We forget that He is an all-powerful God who is just in ALL that He does. How can we have more confidence to trust His decisions, even when we don't understand them? What will your worship look like when your faith is tested, when you're angry or hurt, or questioning an answer to your prayers? Let's see how the David responds.

***Memory verse: "Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and he sound of trumpets."—2 Samuel 6:14-15***

Pray and read 2 Samuel 6:1-23. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

## What does the passage say?

1. How many able young men did David bring together?  
(2 Samuel 6:1)
2. What happened to Uzzah when the oxen stumbled and took hold of the ark of God? (2 Samuel 6:6-7)
3. What emotions did the Lord's consequence against Uzzah insight in David? (2 Samuel 6:8-9)
4. What were Michal's emotions toward David when she saw him leaping and dancing before the Lord?  
(2 Samuel 6:16)
5. What was sacrificed to the Lord once the ark was placed in the tent? (2 Samuel 6:17-18)
6. Fill in the blank: "It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than \_\_\_\_\_ or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord's people Israel—I will celebrate before the Lord."  
(2 Samuel 6:21)

## What does the passage mean?

1. 1 Chronicles 13 and 15 are the parallel stories for what happens in 2 Samuel 6. How does the story bring clarity to why God acted the way He did towards Uzzah? (1 Chronicles 15:13-15)
2. Was the wrath against Uzzah fair? God's command to not touch the ark came with a gracious warning of the consequences for disobedience (Numbers 4:4-6, 15). Do we have the right to judge God's actions and consequences? (Romans 9:20) Does anger at God's wrath show a lack of trust in His goodness and justice?
3. David was angry at God, and his anger quickly turned to fear. How can the fear of God be turned into something good? (Proverbs 1:7, 15:33; 2 Corinthians 7:1)
4. What was the reason Michal was upset with David? (2 Samuel 6:20) How did David defend his celebrating before the Lord? (2 Samuel 6:21-22)

