

WORSHIPPING GOD

II Samuel 6

*As David sought to reestablish godly worship in Israel,
he was faced with some serious worship issues.*

**We can learn from David's experiences some
practical lessons about elements of worship.**

I. A PHYSICAL ELEMENT OF WORSHIP (1-13)

- A proper regard for sacred property

A. MISGUIDED WORSHIP (1-10)

1. Good Elements (2, 5)
 - Good intentions and a good atmosphere
2. Bad Decisions (3-10)
 - a. Wrong Conveyance (3a)
 - See Exodus 25:12-15
 - b. Wrong Conveyors (3b)
 - See Numbers 4:15
 - c. Wrong Contact (6-7)
 - Uzzah's irreverent touch and God's immediate judgment
 - d. Wrong Conduct (8-10)
 - David's anger, selfishness and stubbornness

B. GOD-HONORING WORSHIP (10-13)

1. Confident (11)
2. Correct (12-13a)
3. Committed (13b)

II. A PERSONAL ELEMENT OF WORSHIP (14-23)

- A proper response to God

A. DAVID'S ACTIONS (14-19)

1. Directed to God (14, 17)
2. Directed to God's people (18, 19)

B. MICHAL'S OPPOSITION (16, 20)

1. She despised David's dancing (16)
2. She declared her displeasure to him (20)

C. DAVID'S DEFENSE (21-22)

1. My actions were sincere (21)
2. My reputation is unaffected (22)

D. MICHAL'S REPROACH (23)

1. She bore no child
2. No heir from the line of Saul in the household of David.

III. SOME PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

A. GOOD INTENTIONS DO NOT INVALIDATE GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

- David, the people and Uzzah all had good intentions

B. GOD'S GRACE MUST NOT BE ASSUMED OR ABUSED

- Note that God graciously did nothing when the ark was placed on a cart and led by Abinadab's grandsons. But when Uzzah touched the ark, God did not act in grace but a righteous wrath.

C. WORSHIP IS A VERB!

- Do our worship responses indicate energy or enthusiasm?

D. AN UNSPIRITUAL SPOUSE CAN DESPIRITUALIZE A HOME

- Avoid the unequal yoke (II Cor. 6:14)

CONCLUSION:

God is concerned about how we handle His property and respond to Him personally.

- Does our worship glorify Him?

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