

2 Samuel 6

King James Version (KJV)

(David wants to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem)

6 Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. (the chosen men of Israel – the elders of each of the 12 tribes; and also the Levites)

(For more details from a spiritual point of view) See 1Chronicles-13:2

²And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims. (Baale - an old Canaanite name for Kirjath-jarim)

(Having united the country's government, David wants to re-unite the worship of God into one tabernacle with the Ark of the Covenant)

(David didn't ask God if he should do this. He decided to do it on his own. That's not a good idea, especially where the Ark of the Covenant was concerned)

(The tabernacle was broken up in the days of Eli, when the Philistines took the Ark in a battle with Israel. Even after Israel got it back, the worship of God was done on a local level at local altars. It had been 70 – 85 years since the Ark wasn't in a central place of worship in Israel)

(There were 2 priests at this time – Zadok and Abiathar; Zadok in Israel, and Abiathar in Judah with David. Zadok was the true priest by succession, as a descendant of Eleazar)

³And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. (God instructed Aaron to carry the Ark on staves on the shoulders of Levites. Israel apparently has forgotten this over the years. Uzzah and Ahio, being Levites, should have known that)

NOTE: (When the Philistines brought the Ark back, 80 years earlier, they put it on a new cart. God allowed them to do that because the Philistines didn't know any better)

⁴And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.

(Probably looking all religious and holy; except that they were not supposed to put the Ark on a cart)

(It's not about looking religious; it's about obeying God's commandments. That's also a good lesson for Christians today. All that looks religious isn't necessarily truly religious)

⁵And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. (Playing music and dancing; they must have thought that they were pleasing God)

⁶And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. (The ox stumbled, the cart shook, and the Ark almost fell off)

⁷And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. (They were warned about this in the Book of Numbers – about touching the Ark if they were not the right people. Uzzah was a Levite. He should have known not to touch the Ark)

⁸And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day. (Perezuzzah = the breach upon Uzzah)

⁹And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me? (David knows that he has offended God; but he doesn't know what he did wrong)

¹⁰So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obededom the Gittite. (He must have been a priest or at least, a Levite)

¹¹And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obededom, and all his household. (God was pleased and blessings followed)

¹²And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness. (This time, David will

do it the right way – by God's Word. The priests must have read the Book of Numbers)

¹³ And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. (They researched how to prepare and carry the Ark, in the Torah; to do it God's way)

¹⁴ And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. (David was dressed like an off-duty priest, and not as a king)

(David was humbling himself before God. David was king of Israel, but God is the King of Heaven and Earth)

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 And 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 dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. (She objected to David not acting like royalty)

(The lesson: please God & don't worry about pleasing men. David is doing the right thing. Michal must have been a pampered princess all her life. She was used to being treated as such)

¹⁷ And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

¹⁸ And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. (The priest made the offering for David. David asked God to bless the people)

¹⁹ And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house. (David made a sacrificial meal for all the people that were there)

²⁰ Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the

handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! (Here she is called the daughter of Saul, not the wife of David. She is upset at David for acting like a "commoner")

²¹ And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD. (David knew he was there by God's will; to humble himself and serve God. Saul never learned that lesson and apparently, neither did his daughter, Michal)

²² And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. (David will please God before pleasing people; and the people will honor him for that) See Matthew-23:12

²³ Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death. (God punished her for her vanity and her pride. Pride was also the reason for Satan's downfall in the First Age)