

PRIORITY CHECKPOINT

2 SAMUEL 6 | ERIC SIMPSON | JULY 28, 2019

2 Samuel 6:1-2

¹ David again brought together out of Israel chosen men, thirty thousand in all. ² 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.



The Ark of the Covenant

- tablets of stone Mt. Sinai (how God commanded them)
- a jar of manna from the wilderness wanderings (how God provided for them)
- Aaron's rod (how God saved them)

Priority checkpoint #1: Passion for the presence of God

2 Samuel 6:3-5

³ 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 ⁴ with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. ⁵ 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.

Everything – God = Nothing

Nothing + God = Everything

Worship is a declaration of reality—it's expressing the way things really are.

"Reality is what you can count on; it's what you run into when you're wrong." – Dallas Willard

"Most people don't come to church to get answers to questions that are bothering them. They might think they do. What they are really coming for is to be put in touch with another world which they know exist but they have lost touch of it themselves. They are hungering for an encounter with the living God." – Calvin Miller

Priority checkpoint #2: Reverence for the holiness of God

2 Samuel 6:6-8

⁶ When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had broken out against Uzzah...

The ark was supposed to be carried by the Levites and with poles (Ex. 25, Deut. 10).

The Philistines used a cart to transport the ark, the Israelites adopted the Philistine way.

2 Samuel 6:12-15

¹²...So David went down and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. ¹³ When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. ¹⁴ David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, ¹⁵ while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.