

# Let's Worship God

27th April - 2nd May 2026

2 Samuel



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## Monday - 2 Samuel 6:1-2 - The Priority of Worship

In this chapter we see what's most important to David. Last week we saw him enthroned as king. This week we see that one of his big priorities after that is worship. Worship hadn't been a priority in the days of Saul. In 1st Chronicles 13 David gathers the leaders of the people and says 'let us bring again the ark of our God to us, for we did not seek it in the days of Saul'.

What was the ark of the covenant? It was a wooden chest containing the 10 commandments, a pot of manna and the staff of Aaron the priest. It symbolised the presence of God. We see that at the very end of Numbers 10. It tells us there that whenever the ark set out, Moses said 'Arise, O LORD, and let your enemies be scattered... And when [the ark] rested, he said 'Return, O LORD, to the ten thousand thousands of Israel'. The ark is identified with God himself. It spoke of a God who was king. David describes it elsewhere as 'the footstool of our God'. The 10 commandments inside were the law of the Covenant King. The ark also spoke of reconciliation with God: on the Day of Atonement, once a year, the high priest would sprinkle the blood of the sin-offering on the lid of the ark and in front of the ark. The ark was also a place from where God would communicate with Moses. He says in Exodus 25:22: 'There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you'. So the ark symbolised God's presence, his kingly, reconciling, communicating presence. By bringing the ark to Jerusalem, David is saying: My kingship is nothing if it's not for God's presence.

So what about us? There is no wooden box today which makes God more present. But he is present in a special way as his people meet together and his word is preached. Where is the Lord Jesus pictured in Revelation chapter 1? Among the lampstands - in the midst of his churches. Christ is present as his word is preached. And preaching is meant to be done in the context of God's people gathered together. Worship was King David's priority. Will it be yours?

### Question

1. What was the ark of the covenant?

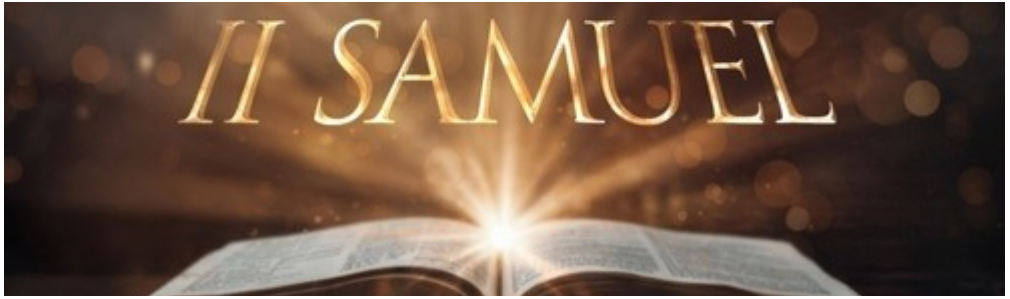
### Prayer Points

1. How can you make worship more a priority in your life?
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. 2 Samuel 6:12b

**Praise:** Psalm 42:1-6 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.



## **Tuesday - 2 Samuel 6:3-7 - The Awesomeness of Worship**

We read this chapter, and we don't want Uzzah to die. But if only people had listened to God, this need not have happened. God doesn't leave his worship up to us to do as we think best. He sets out in exact detail what he requires. God had laid down clear regulations about how the ark was to be transported. The book of Numbers tells us that it was to be carried on poles. Numbers 4v5: 'When the camp is to set out, Aaron and his sons shall go in and take down the veil of the screen and cover the ark of the testimony with it. Then they shall put on it a covering of goatskin and spread on top of that a cloth all of blue, and shall put in its poles'. Numbers 7v9: 'They were charged with the service of the holy things that had to be carried on the shoulder'. Numbers 4v15: 'They must not touch the holy things, lest they die'. The fact that God tells them not to touch the holy things lest they die, suggests that God doesn't want them to die!

Uzzah was struck down for something done with good intentions. The oxen stumble, he puts out his hand to steady the ark - and he's struck down. But he wouldn't have been in that position if the people of God hadn't already been ignoring God's instructions. David tells the Levites in the parallel account in 1 Chronicles 15:13: 'Because you did not carry it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not seek him according to the rule'. There's no suggestion that the people deliberately wanted to dishonour God by putting the ark on a cart. But at the root of it, they think they know better than God - even if they would never have come out and said that. God had given them a particular commandment, but whether they think their way is better, or they think it will get the ark where they're going quicker, or whatever the reason, they ignore what God has said - and they come up with their own way of doing it. Do you see the arrogance of it? Whatever the good intentions may be, they're saying to the God of the universe: Look, we know you said to do it this way, but actually we've come up with a better idea. What's the result? Death. That's how seriously God takes his worship.

### **Question**

1. What does this chapter teach us about worship?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would strive to take God's worship more seriously.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## **Wednesday - 2 Samuel 6:8-11 - The Blessing of Worship**

How does David react to all of this? Well he reacts wrongly, v8. He's angry, and he's afraid of God. Not a right fear of God - which is a fear of grieving him - but a terror that meant he gave the whole thing up.

Yet what happens? v11: The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household. When we worship God in Spirit and truth, he graciously draws near to us in order to bless us.

To walk away from worship, to say that the cost is too much, is to miss out on blessing. By God's grace, David realised that before it was too late. My question is, will you realise that? Yes, there will always be those who are housebound and can't physically make it out to church. And God is gracious - I think we can expect him to bless them in a special way, even if they can't be at worship. But if your decision is simply about what's easier, or if you have other priorities, you'll be walking away from blessing. You'll be cutting yourself off from God's presence. This chapter is a solemn warning, but it's also a gracious invitation from an awesome God. How will you respond?

## **Questions**

1. How does David respond to what happens?
2. What happens when we worship God in Spirit and in truth?

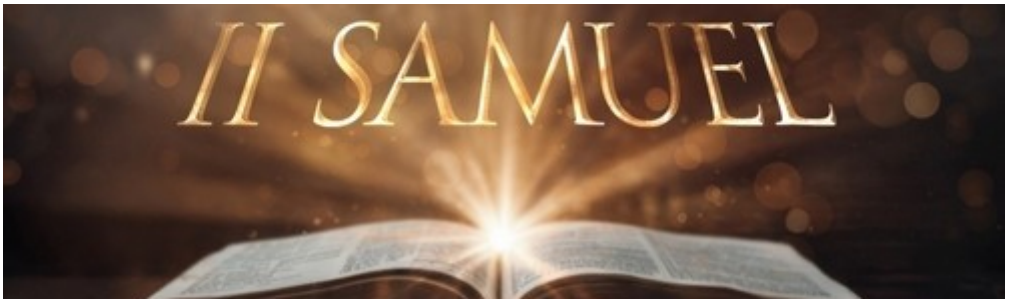
## **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for the blessing of worship.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. 2 Samuel 6:12b

**Praise: Psalm 2 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**



### **Thursday - 2 Samuel 6:12-16 - Two Different Attitudes**

In this chapter, Michal, is described three times as the 'daughter of Saul'. It's telling us: 'Like father, like daughter'. That ancient conflict between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent that's played out across the pages of history, is being played out in front of us in this chapter. Where Michal really stands is seen in her attitude to God's king - and her attitude to God's worship. This isn't some marital dispute that we're seeing. It's on a far bigger scale than that. Michal and David have radically different priorities - and I think we can say they're heading to radically different eternal destinations.

We see that contrast most clearly in their attitude to the ark of the covenant. v12 tells us that David brought the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. V14 tells us that he danced before the LORD with all his might. And v15 that David and the people were bringing the ark up with shouting and with the sound of the horn. There's a real sense of celebration in the air. Yet there's a very different note struck in v16 where we hear about Michal. She looks out the window - and when she sees David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despises him in her heart. She sees her husband enthusiastically joining in the worship of God - but rather than run out and join him - she stays where she is and despises him.

I'm sure there are things Michal did get excited about. But the worship of God wasn't one of them. People today are enthusiastic about and devoted to all kinds of things - and no-one bats an eyelid. But try being enthusiastic about and devoted to the things of God, and the world will think that you're a crazy person. What do we get most excited about? What are we most enthusiastic about? What are those things on our calendar that we wouldn't miss for the world? How high up that list is the worship of God and spending time with his people?

### **Questions**

1. What difference do we see in Michal and David's attitude to worship?
2. What does the world think when we are excited about the things of God?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would rejoice and be excited about God and His worship.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. 2 Samuel 6:12b

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## Friday - 2 Samuel 6:17-20 - Despising the King

Michal is unenthusiastic about David's enthusiasm, and it begins in her heart. Look at v16. What identifies Michal with the spirit of Saul is firstly seen only to God. She looked out the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart. The crowd could have looked up and seen her face, but only God could see her heart. And what he sees is that in her heart she despises his anointed king. She despises him for his enthusiastic commitment to God and his worship.

That's such a dangerous place to be. It's a terrible thing to despise anyone in your heart, for any reason! Never mind if you despise them because they're more enthusiastic about the things of God than you are. I wonder how many people are there in churches who sit through sermons, hating every minute of it, feeling convicted because of their sin, and yet at the door they smile, and shake the minister's hand, because it's the done thing, even though they actually hate what they've just heard. When they do eventually voice their discontent - they'll not give the real reason for it. Just like Michal here. The reason that she gives for her anger is a partial reason at best. She says it's because David has uncovered himself. Based on what she says we would imagine that David was wearing nothing but this ephod, which was sort of like a sleeveless tunic, associated with the priests. But actually, 1st Chronicles 15:27 tells us that David was wearing the ephod the way it was normally worn - over the top of a robe. So her claim that David has uncovered himself like a vulgar person is pretty suspect.

Michal's real problem was her pride. She was too proud to enthusiastically worship God herself, and now her pride has been hurt by David identifying with the common people.

## Questions

1. What does Michal say is the problem?
2. What is the actual problem?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would put the sin of pride to death in our lives.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## Memory Verse

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## **Saturday - 2 Samuel 6:21-23 - Living Before God**

How does David respond to Michal? Do you notice how his answer in v21 starts and ends? It starts and ends with the phrase 'before the LORD'. In other words - I'm not doing it for you - I'm doing it for God. What matters to me isn't your verdict, but God's. What other people think of us isn't completely unimportant. For example, Paul tells Timothy that an elder must be well thought of by outsiders. But while these things aren't unimportant, what God thinks of us is far, far more important than what others think. As individuals - and as churches - we need to be asking not - what will people think of me? But - what has God commanded?

David had an awareness that he was living before the LORD. We are always living in the presence of God, but so often that fades into the background, and all we can see are the people around us, particularly those who are hostile. We need God in his grace to pull back the curtain and remind us that we are living first and foremost, not before the watching world, not before the court of public opinion, not before the verdict of other churches, but before the LORD. What Michal, what the world, what our unbelieving family members think of us, doesn't matter.

David has confidence that as he lives before God, then he will be honoured by God's people. It's not that he's trying to please people. But as God's king serves him, conscious that he's living in the presence of the LORD, he knows that God's people will honour him. But Michal is dishonoured by God. The chapter ends with the solemn record of v23: 'And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death'. There's a contrast, not just with David, but with Obed-edom back up in v11. There we're told that Obed-edom and his household were blessed because of the presence of the ark. But here, because Michal doesn't value the presence of the ark, she's cursed. She doesn't honour God's king. She doesn't value God's worship. And this is the result. Obed-edom and his household experienced blessing because of God's ark and God's presence. Michal experiences a curse because she doesn't value God's ark and his presence.

### **Question**

1. Whose opinion should matter most?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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