

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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THE LIFE OF DAVID DAVID AND THE ARK

2 Samuel 5:1-6 (NLT) 5 Then all the tribes of Israel went to David at Hebron and told him, "We are your own flesh and blood. 2 In the past, when Saul was our king, you were the one who really led the forces of Israel. And the Lord told you, 'You will be the shepherd of my people Israel. You will be Israel's leader.'" 3 So there at Hebron, King David made a covenant before the Lord with all the elders of Israel. And they anointed him king of Israel. 4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in all. 5 He had reigned over Judah from Hebron for seven years and six months, and from Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years. **David Captures Jerusalem** 6 David then led his men to Jerusalem to fight against the Jebusites, the original inhabitants of the land who were living there. The Jebusites taunted David, saying, "You'll never get in here! Even the blind and lame could keep you out!" For the Jebusites thought they were safe.

2 Samuel 5:9-10 (NLT) City of David. He extended the city, starting at the supporting terraces and working inward. 10 And David became more and more powerful, because the Lord God of Heaven's Armies was with him. "They took it to Abinadab's house on the hill and consecrated Eleazar his son to guard the ark of the LORD." (1 Samuel 7:1)

1 Chronicles 13:2-3 (NLT) 2 Then he addressed the entire assembly of Israel as follows: "If you approve and if it is the will of the Lord our God, let us send messages to all the Israelites throughout the land, including the priests and Levites in their towns and pasturelands. Let us invite them to come and join us. 3 It is time to bring back the Ark of our God, for we neglected it during the reign of Saul."

1 Chronicles 13:5-6 (NLT) 5 So David summoned all Israel, from the Shihor Brook of Egypt in the south all the way to the town of Lebo-hamath in the north, to join in bringing the Ark of God from Kiriath-jearim. 6 Then David and all Israel went to Baalah of Judah (also called Kiriath-jearim) to bring back the Ark of God, which bears the name of the Lord who is enthroned between the cherubim.

2 Samuel 6:3-9 (NLT) 3 They placed the Ark of God on a new cart and brought it from Abinadab's house, which was on a hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were guiding the cart 4 that carried the Ark of God. Ahio walked in front of the Ark. 5 David and all the people of Israel were celebrating before the Lord, singing songs and playing all kinds of musical instruments—lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals. 6 But when they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out his hand and steadied the Ark of God. 7 Then the Lord's anger was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him dead because of this. So Uzzah died right there beside the Ark of God. 8 David was angry because the Lord's anger had burst out against Uzzah. He named that place Perez-uzzah (which means "to burst out against Uzzah"), as it is still called today. 9 David was now afraid of the Lord, and he asked, "How can I ever bring the Ark of the Lord back into my care?"

2 Samuel 6:11-12a (NLT) 11 The Ark of the Lord remained there in Obed-edom's house for three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and his entire household. 12 Then King David was told, "The Lord has blessed Obed-edom's household and everything he has because of the Ark of God."

1 Chronicles 15:2 (NLT) 2 Then he commanded, "No one except the Levites may carry the Ark of God. The Lord has chosen them to carry the Ark of the Lord and to serve him forever."

1 Chronicles 15:13 (NLT) 13 Because you Levites did not carry the Ark the first time, the anger

of the Lord our God burst out against us. We failed to ask God how to move it properly.”

2 Samuel 6:12b-13 (NLT) 12 So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration. 13 After the men who were carrying the Ark of the Lord had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.

LIFE POINTS:

1. God's work must be done in God's way if it is to have God's blessing.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIT) 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV) 12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

John 14:15 (NLT) 15 “If you love me, obey my commandments.

John 15:9-11 (NLT) 9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

2 Samuel 6:14-15 (NIV) 14 Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, 15 while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets. 16 As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:22 (NIV) 22 I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes.

2 Samuel 6:17-19 (NIV) 17 They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. 18 After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. 19 Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

1 Chronicles 16:4- (NIV) 4 He appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, to extol, thank, and praise the Lord, the God of Israel: 5 Asaph was the chief, and next to him in rank were Zechariah, then Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom and Jeiel. They were to play the lyres and harps, Asaph was to sound the cymbals, 6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests were to blow the trumpets regularly before the ark of the covenant of God.

2. All worship should have elements of passion and self-forgetfulness

1 Timothy 2:8, “I desire that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands...”
In the same way, we have multiple instances of commands to shout loud and clap your hands in worship. For example:

Psalms 32:11 “Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!”

Psalms 35:27 “Let those who delight in my salvation shout for joy...”

Psalms 47:1 “Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with a voice of triumph...”

Psalms 81:1 “Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!”

Isaiah 12:6 “Shout, and sing for joy, O Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Zephaniah 3:14 “Sing aloud, O Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O Jerusalem!”

3. The central question in worship is not what we feel like, but what He is worthy of.