2 Samuel Lesson 6 (2022)

**DAVID BROUGHT THE ARK OF THE LORD TO JERUSALEM**

2 Samuel 6:1-23

Key Verse: 6:14-15

**Open it:**

1. What was the most elaborate public celebration you’ve ever attended?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 1-2 After stabilizing his kingdom, on what did David focus his attention, and on what scale? How is the ark of God described? What does this description indicate about God? Why do you think David wanted to bring the ark to Jerusalem? What can we learn here about what should be at the center of our personal life, ministry, and nation? (Mt. 6:9-10)
2. Read verses 3-10. How was the ark being transported from the house of Abinadab? (3-5) What prompted Uzzah to reach out and hold onto the ark? How did God judge Uzzah’s action of reaching out for the ark? (7) What was David’s emotional reaction to the death of Uzzah? After the priest's death, what change of plans did David make out of fear? (9-10) What was God’s response to David's anger and fear?
3. Read verses 11-15. What persuaded David to go back for the ark after three months? (11-12) How was the public procession handled differently as they transported the ark? (13) What was the mood of David and the people as they transported the ark? (14-15)
4. Read verses 16-20. How did Michal react when she saw David dancing before the Lord? (16)

How did David culminate the celebration when the ark reached Jerusalem? (17-19) What was Michal’s response to David when he returned home after the festival? (20)

1. Read verses 21-23. What was David’s attitude about how he had worshipped God? (21-22) What became of Michael after this incident in which she “despised” David? (23) How can we combine proper reverence before God with unparalleled joy and celebration?

**Apply it:**

1. How can you express your wholehearted joy before the Lord this week? What is an appropriate response for someone who finds your worship practice “undignified”?