
SERMON OUTLINE

The Serious Business of Celebrating God 2 Samuel 6

- I. Futile worship: God rejects worship motivated merely by enthusiasm but without obedience (2 Samuel 6:1-11).
 - A. Good intentions and excitement: David and Israel wanted to bring the ark of God to Jerusalem (6:1-5).
 - 1. David brought the ark by ox cart (6:1-3).
 - 2. Everyone celebrated excitedly (6:4-5).
 - B. God's judgment because of disobedience: God struck Uzzah dead for touching the ark (6:6-11).
 - 1. Uzzah died for violating God's command that only Levites should carry the ark and no one else was to touch it (6:6-7; Numbers 4:15; 7:8-9).
 - 2. David was angry and afraid of God (6:8-10).
 - 3. God blessed Obed-Edom for 3 months when David left the ark with him (6:11).

- II. True worship: God delights in our worship when we pursue Him in complete holiness (2 Samuel 6:12-23).
 - A. Sincerity with obedience: David had the ark carried properly this time (6:12-13; 1 Chronicles 15:4-5, 12-15).
 - B. Enjoyment in worship: David and the people celebrated joyfully as the ark came to Jerusalem (6:14-15; 1 Chronicles 15, 16).
 - C. God responds to worship: True worshippers were blessed but Michal was punished for resenting David's worship (6:16-23).