

(2 SAMUEL 6:6-12)

6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. 7 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God. 8 And David became angry because of the LORD's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day. 9 David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" 10 So David would not move the ark of the LORD with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. 11 The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household. 12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness.

INTRODUCTION

DAVID DESIRED THE PRESENCE OF GOD

- David desired the presence of God
 - "The Ark of God" was the symbol of the "Presence of God".
 - His Presence will help you keep your position and live in victory.

David said, (Psalm 16:11)

"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- Moses understood the power of God's Presence.

(Exodus 33:13-16)

13 Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people." 14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."

- God's Presence was more important to David than his position. He sought God first.

(Matthew 6:33)

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

YOU COULD BE ON THE RIGHT ROAD BUT DOING THE WRONG THING

- Our methods could be wrong even if we are on the right road
- God stops us from doing the wrong thing at the “Threshing Floor” where chaff is separated from grain.

Submit to God’s discipline (Hebrews 12:5-7, 12-17)

5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor bediscouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. 14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

- The wrong method must die – it must be crucified
 - “Uzzah” represents “the wrong method”
 - Repent and do what is right.

Further insight to David’s desire to have God’s Presence (1 Chronicles 15:12-14 & 25)

12 He said to them, “You are the heads of the fathers’ houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it. 13 For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order.” 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-Edom with joy.

WHAT WE CAN LEARN

- Don’t loose your desire for God’s presence
(Psalm 37:4)
“Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.”
- Develop a passion for His Presence
Be joyful and humble yourself.
- Don’t stay in the place of your failure
(Proverbs 24:16)
“For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity.

CONCLUSION

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