

2 Samuel 6

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Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. David's goal was noble: bring the ark of the LORD God into the city (Ps. 132:1-5; cf. Dt. 12:5-7, 10-14); but the execution was flawed (Num. 4:5-20).

What do vv. 1-11, reveal about God's holiness and the importance of obeying His revealed will / written word?

2. The ark represented God's presence among His people (Ex. 25:8; 29:42-46) and it emphasized His rule, reconciliation, and revelation (Lev. 16:32-34). It was the place where Israel was to seek the LORD and worship Him (Lev. 17:1-9). The NT speaks of the Church as God's temple (1 Cor. 3:17; Eph. 2:21), the Bride of Christ (2 Cor. 11:2), and the Body of Christ (Eph. 5:23). So what can the Church learn from this in terms of our responsibility to represent Christ in this world (see. Rom. 12:1-2)?

3. The false gospel of health/wealth/prosperity preaches the need to obtain God's blessing on one's life which is defined by material things. But vv. 12-19 demonstrate that God's blessing is actually His presence among His people. Discuss how this contradicts the false gospel of our day, and how it proves a real comfort to the unbeliever, and the Christian who is suffering, sick, lonely, fearful etc.

4. David had no reservations about humbling himself as he worshipped the LORD; whereas Michal seemed more concerned with appearances than God (vv. 20-23). The Casting Crowns song, Does Anybody Hear Her, laments the Church's pride "if judgment looms under every steeple, with lofty glances from lofty people". Discuss how we can guard our hearts from contempt and cultivate humble hearts that rejoice in worshipping God.