

27. What do you think prompted him to do so? (Read 2 Samuel 6:12)
28. This time, how did David have the Ark moved? (Read 1 Chronicles 15:11-15)
29. How did David show his joy over the Ark coming to Jerusalem? (Read 2 Samuel 6:13-15)
30. Have you ever felt like rejoicing before the Lord? When?
31. Where did the Ark rest in Jerusalem? (Read 2 Samuel 6:17)
32. What did David do further to celebrate the occasion? (2 Samuel 6:18-19)
33. What was Michal's reaction to David's jubilation over the Ark? (2 Samuel 6:16)
34. Who was Michal?
35. When David came home to Michal, what comment did she make about his behavior over the Ark? (2 Samuel 6:20)
36. Were her accusations true?
37. What did David tell her? (Read 2 Samuel 6:21-22)
38. Because Michal despised David honoring God, how did God dishonor Michal?
39. Have you ever had a "Michal" in your life? (Someone who criticizes you for obeying the Lord.)

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THE TENDER WARRIOR, THE LIFE OF DAVID

2 Samuel 6

GOD'S WORK – GOD'S WAY

Some of us look at life as, "Well, you win some, you lose some. You just pull it off the best you can. Nobody's perfect." Others say, "If God says it, I want to do it." The latter are the ones who are "after God's heart". Consequently, there are two types of Christians – carnal and spiritual. Which are you? Carnal Christians spend so much time moaning and complaining and finding fault with others that they journey so far from God that being in His will is the last thing they consider. They don't even realize that this is where their spiritual life is resting. But spiritual Christians don't stray too far from the Master until they take an account of where they are and then they quickly get back in line. Why? Because they are "after God's own heart". Now that doesn't mean they are perfect. It means they are sensitive to the will of God. They care about not only getting the job done, but how it is done. They make themselves part of the solution. That's what David did. He wanted things to be the way God wanted them to be.

1. When you hear David's name, what are some of the things that come into mind?
 2. What does God think about David? (Read Acts 13:22)
- I. THE DESIRE TO BRING BACK THE ARK.** David is the new king. Saul is dead, but the results are of his life are still being felt by the nation of Israel. Saul neglected the things of God. Bible scholars state that the Ark of the Covenant had been in obscurity between 50 and 80 years.
3. Why was the Ark the most important piece of furniture in the Tabernacle? (Read Exodus 25:22)
 4. What had the Ark become to the nation of Israel by the time of the Judges? (Read 1 Samuel 4:2-3)

5. What happened to the Ark when Israel took it into battle for a good luck charm? (Read 1 Samuel 4:10 – 11)
 6. When the Ark was placed in the Temple of Dagon, what happened? (Read 1 Samuel 5:1-4)
 7. Because they had captured the Ark of God, what happened to the Philistines? (Read 1 Samuel 5:6,8-9)
 8. How did the Philistines get rid of the Ark? (Read 1 Samuel 6:10 – 12)
 9. Where did the Ark stop? (Read 1 Samuel 6:14)
 10. Why did the people of Beth Shemesh want to get rid of the Ark? (1 Samuel 6:19)
 11. Where did the Ark rest until David decided to bring it to Jerusalem? To which tribe did this territory belong? (Read Ephesians 5:17)
 12. Why do you think David wanted the Ark in Jerusalem?
 13. Do you ever remember Saul mentioning the Ark of God?
- II. THE DIFFICULTY IN BRINGING BACK THE ARK. It took David two attempts to successfully get the Ark to Jerusalem. Both were festive occasions.**
14. How many men did David gather to obtain the Ark? Where were they from? (Read 2 Samuel 6:1-2)
 15. How did they transport the Ark? How did David use music to enhance the moving of the Ark? (Read 2 Samuel 6:3-5)

16. How did God command the Ark to be carried? (Read Exodus 25:12-14 & Numbers 4:5-6 & 7-9)
 17. What was the first mistake David made?
 18. Whom did David consult about moving the Ark – men or God? (Read 1 Chronicles 13:1-4)
 19. What was his second mistake? Why?
- III. THE DISASTER IN BRINGING BACK THE ARK. In David's first attempt to move the Ark, he disobeyed God and others were affected by his decision.**
20. What did Uzzah do that caused God to be angry? (Read 2 Samuel 6:6-7)
 21. What happened to Uzzah?
 22. When we are disobedient to the Lord, can innocent people suffer?
- IV. THE DELAY IN BRINGING BACK THE ARK. King David's reaction to the death of Uzzah was not good. David blamed God for the tragedy. How typical of man, to blame God for our mistakes.**
23. David was angry with whom? (Read 2 Samuel 6:8)
 24. Why did David not move the ark? (Read 2 Samuel 6:9-10)
 25. How can a Christian who feels angry and afraid, return to joy and peace?
- V. THE DELIGHT IN BRINGING BACK THE ARK. David was successful the second time that he attempted to bring the Ark to Jerusalem. The Bible tells us that when we obey God, we will be successful.**
26. How long did David wait before moving the Ark again? (Read 2 Samuel 6:11)

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