

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

2 Samuel 6:12-23





Why was David one of the greatest
worshipers ever?

2 Samuel 6:12-17

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“The LORD has blessed the household of
Obed-Edom and everything he has,
because of the ark of God.” So David
went to bring up the ark of God from the
house of Obed-Edom to the City of David
with rejoicing.

2 Samuel 6:12-17

¹³ When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.¹⁴ Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might,

2 Samuel 6:12-17

¹⁵ While he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:12-17

¹⁷ They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD.

Worship is based on truth-
1 Chronicles 15:1-2, 15:12-13

¹After David had constructed buildings for himself in the City of David, he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it.² Then David said, “No one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, because the LORD chose them to carry the ark of the LORD and to minister before him forever.”

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1 Chronicles 15:1-2, 15:12-13

¹² He said to them, “You are the heads of the Levitical families; you and your fellow Levites are to consecrate yourselves and bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it. ¹³ It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the LORD our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way.”



HEEDLESSNESS

When God tells you how to transport the Ark
ignore Him and come up with your own plan.

Worship starts with confession of sin-
2 Samuel 6:13

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2 Samuel 6:17, 1 Chronicles 15:11-12

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11 Then David summoned Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel and Amminadab the Levites.

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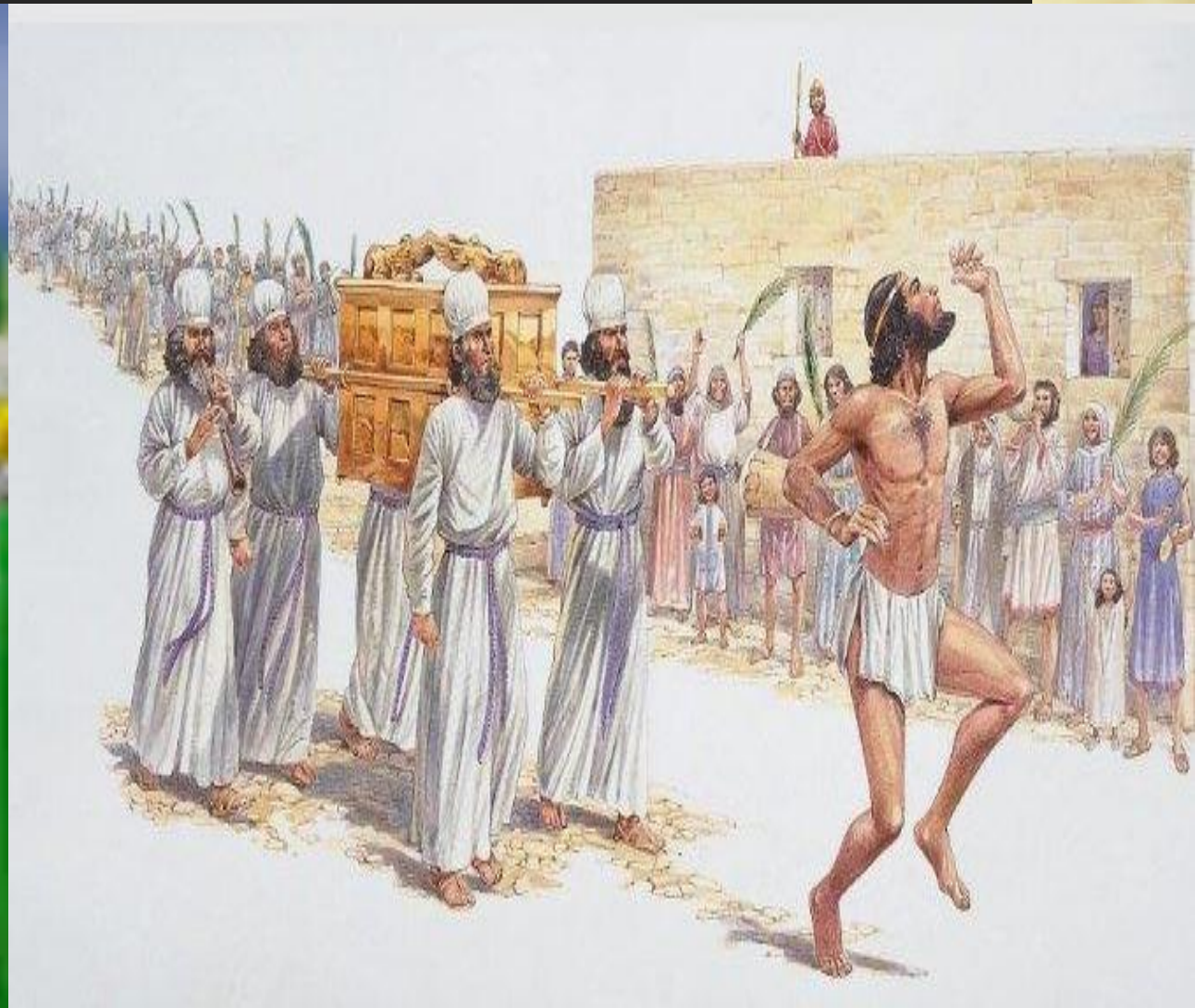
Worship is putting God at the center



Worship is an outpouring of joy- v.12

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Worship is passionate abandonment to God
and immersion in Him



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Worship comes from humility

Worship blesses others- 2 Samuel 6:18-19

¹⁸ After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. ¹⁹ Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

Worship includes a consistent lifestyle- v.20

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²¹ David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD’s people Israel—I will celebrate before the LORD. ²² I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor.”



And I am prepared to humiliate myself even more than this! But amongst the slave girls you mentioned, let me be honored!



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²³ And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

A large crowd of people is shown from behind, with their arms raised in the air. The scene is illuminated by warm, golden stage lights, creating a bokeh effect in the background. The overall atmosphere is one of excitement and celebration.

The choice- be an Uzzah, David, or Michal?

Application

**I will worship God
passionately like David**

