

Undignified

2 Samuel 3:1 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

1 Samuel 13:14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

David was only 15 when Samuel called him "a man after God's own heart" ... his only qualification for kingship was that he was a worshipper!

David's mentor was SAUL - he taught David how NOT to live! God began to show Israel the difference between these two kingdoms – they could NOT coexist! And the old King began to persecute the new King!

The day David lost everything at Ziklag (1 Samuel 30) was the same day Saul died on Mount Gilboa (2 Samuel 1). The worst day of his life was really the best day of his life – he just didn't know it yet!

The difference between the old kingdom and the new kingdom is WORSHIP. Saul praised God many times, but David worshipped God!

Leah's children:

- Reuben – because the Lord has looked on my affliction
- Simeon – because the Lord has heard that I was hated
- Levi – now this time my husband will be joined to me
- Judah (finally!) – now I will praise the Lord

Genesis 29:35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

Genesis 22:5 (NIV) He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

PRAISE IS ABOUT "GETTING" / WORSHIP IS ABOUT "GIVING"

David's first and highest priority as king was to bring the ARK back to Jerusalem – Saul had let the Philistines keep it under their control the entire time he had been king of Israel, for forty years!

2 Samuel 6:6-7 (The First Attempt)

And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

2 Samuel 6:11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obedom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obedom, and all his household.

Christians around the world are saying "We want revival," but unfortunately we haven't learned from David's mistakes!

We try to cram the holy things of God on a new cart of man's making, thinking God will be pleased ... but God won't let oxen pull carts carrying his glory! Uzzah died when he tried to stabilize what God had shaken!

GOD SAYS, "YOU CAN'T HANDLE ME CASUALLY – YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SWEAT IT OUT! YOU CAN HAVE YOUR CART OR MY ARK, BUT NOT BOTH!" THE ARK WAS ONLY TO BE TRANSPORTED ON THE SHOULDERS OF SANCTIFIED LEVITES!

2 Samuel 6:13-14 (The Second Attempt)

And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

David wanted the blessing that had been poured out on the house of Obed-Edom, and he was willing to do things God's way to get it!

Every six paces, they would sacrifice an ox, as if to let both God and man know – NO MORE OXEN! The ox is a symbol of strength, but it is the weakness of man that will carry the ark of God's presence!

They carried that heavy ark for nearly 15 miles – they didn't walk through the gates of Jerusalem "looking their Sunday best!"

SWEAT is the means by which value is transferred here on earth – it requires "sweat" to worship! Our lazy humanity tries to use "no-sweat" methods, and just get excited about "transporting the glory!"

2 Samuel 6:16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

We didn't do this the sensible way anyway! / Psalm 124 - If it had not been for the Lord / Galatians 3:3 - Having begun in the Spirit / David - "I'll become even more undignified!" / foolishness of preaching, of God, etc.

Talk to the Hand (book by Lynne Truss) – A saying used to ignore and disregard a comment or an insult when you can't think of a way to counter it. When this phrase is used, it is customary to raise your hand, palm facing out, and place it almost touching your adversary's face. This can make even the most civil person raging mad.

Don't listen to the devil or anyone else who opposes the move of God!

Psalm 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Continually - "his praise shall continually be in my mouth" - praise that sounds like a chant - like a crazy person talking to himself!

Why does God leave the house of Saul in place?!

Exodus 23:29-30 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

Psalm 84:10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

David, you're a king – why would you want to be a doorkeeper? A doorkeeper AT THE RIGHT DOOR has more influence! Obed-Edom became a doorkeeper for the ark – he was so passionate for God that he moved to Jerusalem!

1 Chronicles 15:24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obededom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.

ALTERNATE: Evil has an expiration date, but the mercy of the Lord endureth forever; to hasten expiration date, turn up the heat (i.e. milk)