

9-3-2025 – Journey with King David – Week 9 – King in Jerusalem

Last week - David became King. 1st of Judah for 7½ yrs. Lived in Hebron.
Now, he is King over Judah & Israel.

After becoming king over all Israel & Judah, David captures Jerusalem.

- **2 Sam. 5** – Jebusites taunted him, “you’ll never get in here.”
- David sent men in thru the water tunnel. 1 day attack “fortress of Zion”
- “⁹David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces inward. ¹⁰And he became more and more powerful, because the Lord God Almighty was with him.”
- A king from Tyre sent carpenters/stonemasons... built palace for David.
 - ¹²And David realized that the Lord had confirmed him as king over Israel and had blessed his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

Preface – Israel had been defeated by the Philistines. Samuel was young.

- **1 Sam. 4** – Philistines captured the Ark of the Covenant.
 - Ark was seen as the Presence of God.
 - Ark taken into temple of Dagon. Devastation followed.
 - **1 Sam. 5 – 6** – Ark moved to various places. Sent to Kiriath Jearim. Stayed at **Abinadab’s** house for 20 years.

2 Sam. 6 – David wants to move the Ark. Return it to God’s people.

- **God’s blessed us... let’s bless God.**
- Things are great; David’s attention is to honor God before the people.
 - **They set out to bring the Ark**, but do it **carelessly**.
 - Numbers 4:15, 19; 7:9-10, & Dt. 10:8 – carry it on **Poles**.
 - **Do not touch** the sacred items. **Do not look** inside.
- **Ark** is put on a cart, pulled by oxen. **Abinadab’s sons** guide the cart.

- Oxen stumble. Uzzah, a son, reached out to steady it.
 - Vs.7 - The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God.
- David is angry. Angry at God? Uzzah? Himself? Whole Situation.
 - **First** – death can cause us to be angry. It's ok. God can handle it.
 - **God is love.** That never changes. He'll wait patiently for us.
 - Wages/Penalty for sin is always death.
 - But God shows incredible mercy/grace to us.
 - **Second** – David's trying to do something good, but it ends up bad.

Truth – good intentions don't excuse neglecting God's commands.

 - **Ark was supposed to be transported by Levites.**
 - Abinadab & his family were not Levites.
 - **Ark was supposed to be carried** on poles, not a cart.
 - The cart idea came from the Philistines (1 Sam. 6:8)
 - God's people should have known better.
 - **Third** – David **stops**. 1st - anger, then – fear. How can I do this??
 - Doing it as a service for God, but his heart isn't in it.
 - It's ok to stop, take a break.
 - God isn't pleased w/ empty worship or actions.
 - [Hosea 6:6](#) – “For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”
 - [Mark 12:33](#) – loving God and loving our neighbors “is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”
 - It's better to stop, get your heart right.
 - Take time to heal, grieve...

2 Samuel ¹⁰ So David decided not to move the Ark of the LORD into the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-edom of Gath. ¹¹ The Ark of the LORD remained there in Obed-edom's house for three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and his entire household.

¹² Then King David was told, "The LORD has blessed Obed-edom's household and everything he has because of the Ark of God." So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration. ¹³ After the men who were carrying the Ark of the LORD had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. ¹⁴ And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. ¹⁵ So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the LORD with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.

In those 3 months, **David learned how to properly move the Ark.**

[1 Chronicles 15](#) - After 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." ³ David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the LORD to the place he had 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." ¹⁴ So the priests and Levites consecrated themselves in order to bring up the ark of the Lord, the God of Israel. ¹⁵ And the Levites carried the ark of God with the poles on their shoulders, as Moses had commanded in accordance with the word of the Lord.

David also **learned more about God . . . He is holy.**

- God **deserves our reverence.** God deserves our **obedience.**
- He deserves our **praise/worship.**
 - David danced before God "with all his might" –
 - He put his all into worship . . . not half-hearted. Half paying attention . . . half distracted . . . going thru the motions.
 - David's worship was from the heart.
 - He was **worshipping an Awesome God.**
 - He was **thanking** God for His **blessings.**
 - He was acknowledging God's work in His life.
- **Worship was a celebration!**