

2 Samuel 6:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Ark Brought to Jerusalem, emphasizing reverence in worship, God's holiness. The ark's journey to Jerusalem emphasizes God's transcendent holiness and the necessity of approaching Him on His terms. Uzzah's death for touching the ark (though apparently well-intentioned) teaches that sincerity doesn't override obedience. David's dancing demonstrates appropriate joy in worship. Michal's contempt reveals heart attitudes toward genuine worship. The Hebrew *qodesh* (קֹדֶשׁ, 'holiness') dominates this chapter.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 6 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding reverence in worship, God's holiness provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid

anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of reverence in worship, God's holiness?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

Interlinear Text

עַל	יְהוָה הַ	אֲרֹן אֶת	אֲלֵ יוֹ	לִהְיוֹת יֵר	דָּוִד	אֲבָ הַ	וְלֹא
H5921	of the LORD	the ark	H413	not remove	So David	would	H3808
	H3068	H727		H5493	H1732	H14	
עֲבָדָה	בֵּית יֵת	דָּוִד	וְטָהֵר	דָּוִד	עַיִר		
H0	into the house	So David	carried it aside	So David	unto him into the city		
	H1004	H1732	H5186	H1732	H5892		
						הַגִּתִּיתִי:	אֶדֶם
						the Gittite	of Obededom
						H1663	H5654