

2 Samuel 6:15

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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

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

אָר וֹן	אֶת	מָעַל יָם	יִשְׂרָאֵל	בֵּית	וְכָל	דָּוִד
the ark	brought up	of Israel	and all the house	So David		
H727	H5927	H3478	H1004	H1732	H3605	
שׁוֹפָר:	וּבֶקֶן וּלְ	בְּתִרְוֶעַ הַ	יְהוָה הַ			
of the trumpet	and with the sound	with shouting	of the LORD			
H7782	H6963	H8643	H3068			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 150:3 (Parallel theme): Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Psalms 47:1 (Parallel theme): O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

1 Chronicles 15:28 (References Lord): Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

1 Chronicles 15:25 (References Lord): So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.

1 Chronicles 15:16 (References David): And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.