

2 Samuel 6:22

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 (קדש, '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

James 2:17 – Faith and works

Romans 2:1 – Judging others

Revelation 20:12 – Judgment according to deeds

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

וְתַּקְלֵל תִּי	וְעַזְלֵל עִזִּים	מִזְמָרְתִּי יְהִי	שְׁפָל
And I will yet be more vile	than thus	and will be base	
H7043	H2063	H1961	H8217
בְּעֵינִי	בְּעֵינָה	רָאשָׁה	רָאַתְּךָ
in mine own sight	and of the maid-servants	which thou hast spoken	
H5869	H519	H834	H559
בָּעֵם	בָּאֲמָה	רָאַשְׁךָ	רָאַתְּךָ
of them shall I be had in honour			
H5973	H3513		

Additional Cross-References

1 Peter 4:14 (Parallel theme): If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

Hebrews 12:2 (Parallel theme): Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Isaiah 51:7 (Parallel theme): Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

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