

2 Samuel 6:3

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by 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

וְשָׁא	הָוֹ	חֲדִשָּׁה:	קָרְבָּן	הַעֲגָל	הַ	אֶל	קָאָלָהִים	אֶרְ	וְן	אֶת	וְיָצֵא	בְּ
And they set	H853	the ark	H727	of God	H430	cart	H5699	the new	H2319	and brought	H5375	
	H7392						H5699					
מִבְּ	יְתָ	אֶשְׁר	אֶבֶן	בְּגִבְעָה	הַ	בְּגִבְעָה	הַ	וְאֶת	אֶת	וְאֶת	וְאֶת	
it out of the house	H1004	of Abinadab	H41	that was in Gibeah	H834	and Uzzah	H1390	and Ahio	H5798	and Ahio	H283	
בְּנֵי	הַ	אֶת	גִּבְעָה	יְמִם	אֶבֶן	יְמִם	הַ	חֲדִשָּׁה:	קָרְבָּן	הַ	וְשָׁא	
the sons	H1121	of Abinadab	H41	drive	H5090	cart	H853	the new	H2319			

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 6:7 (Parallel theme): Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

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