



Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1 - 10

Introduction

- David has been crowned king, and he's now made Jerusalem his capitol.
- He's fathered princes and princesses.
- He's defeated the Philistines and put them in their place.
- Now he wants to bring the sacred '*ark of the covenant*' to Jerusalem also.

1 The Sacred Ark Of The Covenant

- The ark was constructed of shittim/acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold.
- It's lid (the mercy seat) was pure gold with cherubim wings touching on top.
- It contained the 10 commandments, bowl of manna and Aaron's rod.
- Rings on each corner with poles inserted through them on each side.
- By this means it was to be carried during Israel's journeys.
- It was housed in the '*Holy of Holies*'.
- Only the priest could enter this '*sanctus sanctorum*'.
- The lid was where God came down to '*meet*' with His people.

2 Bringing Up The Ark

- Bringing the ark to Jerusalem was a good and right thing to do.
- It was put on a cart for the 8-mile journey.
- But disaster struck when Uzzah put his hand on the ark to steady it. [vs 7].
- Do we think this was wrong of God?

3 The Holiness And The Justice Of God

- God is love and mercy and grace but that is NOT His fundamental attribute.
- Fundamentally He is HOLY. [Isaiah 6:6] & [Revelation 4:8].
- His love is a holy love and His mercy, a holy mercy.
- We read that God is Holy [Genesis 2:3], [Exodus 3:5], [Exodus 15:11] long before we read of God loving [Deuteronomy 7:8].
- God's holiness is his hatred and judgement of sin and reward of what is right.

4 Did Uzzah Get What He Deserved?

- **Fact:** Just as God is holy, we are sinful.
- [Numbers Ch 4] is the crucial chapter in our adjudication, especially [vs 15].
- *'Don't touch the ark lest you die.'*
- Uzzah and all Israel knew this.
- Our God is *'the Lord of the rings.'*
- The ark was to be carried by means of the poles inserted in the rings.
- Uzzah was not an innocent man.
- Uzzah presumed upon God's grace. He was cavalier regarding sin.
- God did something similar in [Acts 5].
- **Fact:** Even with our very first sin we forfeited all rights to the gift of life.
- Don't become familiar with God or be soft on sin.
- God owes none of us anything... but we owe Him everything.

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