

## David and Jerusalem: Who's Kingdom?

II Samuel 2:1-5:25

5:6-25 C. Through afflictions from unbelievers.

:6-16 1. Those who would displace us.

### The Afflictions

:6a • occupation of power centers

<sup>6</sup> *And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, ....*

:6b • contempt for God and His people

*... who said to David, "You will not come in here, but the blind and the lame will ward you off"—thinking, "David cannot come in here."*

### God's Answers

:7-10 • empowerment of His people

<sup>10</sup> *And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.*

:11-12 • establishment of His Kingdom

<sup>12</sup> *And David knew that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.*

:13-16 • forgiveness of our folly

<sup>13</sup> *And David took more concubines and wives...*

:17-25 2. Those who would destroy us.

<sup>17</sup> *When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel...*

### The Afflictions

:17a • murderous

*...and the Philistines went up to search for David.*

:22 • relentless

<sup>22</sup> *And the Philistines came up yet again....*

### God's Answers

:17b-21 • The Lord "bursts through" our enemies.

<sup>20</sup> *... The LORD has burst through my enemies.*

:23-25 • The Lord "goes out" to defeat our enemies.

<sup>23</sup> *...for then the LORD has gone out before you..."*

**A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART**  
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**David and Michal: A Man's Worship**

II Samuel 6:1-23

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6:1-2 **I. Our worship defines us.**

*1 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup> And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim.*

cf. Exodus, Psalms, Malachi, John 4:23; Romans 15:8f; Ephesians 5:18f; I Peter 2:9-10, Revelation 4:7-8

“The first foundation of righteousness undoubtedly is the worship of God.”

- John Calvin

“To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the service of God.”

- Archbishop William Temple

:3-11 **II. False worship provokes God's holy wrath.**

*<sup>3</sup> And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, <sup>4</sup> with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark. <sup>5</sup> And David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the LORD, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. <sup>6</sup> And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup> And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God. <sup>8</sup> And David was angry because the LORD had broken out against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. <sup>9</sup> And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" <sup>10</sup> So David was not willing to take the ark of the LORD into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. <sup>11</sup> And the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.*

cf. Leviticus 10:1-3; Malachi 1:6

:12-19 **III. True worship conforms to God's Word.**

:12 **A. Apprehension of God's mercy.**

*<sup>12</sup> And it was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing.*

cf. Psalm 92:1-7; 100:5; 106:1

:13 **B. Sacrificial gifts.**

*<sup>13</sup> And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal.*

cf. II Samuel 24:24; Romans 12:1,2; Philippians 4:18; Hebrews 13:15

:14-17

C. Enthusiastic participation.

<sup>14</sup> And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup> So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn. <sup>16</sup> As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart. <sup>17</sup> And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

cf. Malachi 1:12-14

“I say the greatest tragedy in the world today is that God has made man...to play the harp of worship before (His) face, but (man) has dropped the harp. It lies voiceless at his feet.”

- A.W. Tozer

:18-19

D. Mutual blessing.

<sup>18</sup> And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts <sup>19</sup> and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his house.

cf. Psalm 133; Ephesians 5:19; I Corinthians 16:20; Acts 2:44-47

Christian worship is the joyful activity  
of regenerate believers and their children  
in which they, in gratitude for the fullness of the Godhead  
as He is revealed in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ,  
seek by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
to render to the living God the glory, honor, and submission due Him,  
in accord with His will, revealed in the Scriptures.

:20-23

**IV. True worship disregards human disapproval.**

<sup>20</sup> And David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants' female servants, as one of the vulgar fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!" <sup>21</sup> And David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the LORD—and I will celebrate before the LORD. <sup>22</sup> I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes. But by the female servants of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor." <sup>23</sup> And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

cf. John 5:44; 12:43

“All I seek is the glory of God, and all I fear is His displeasure.”

- Francis Asbury