



Reading: 2 Samuel 6:11 - 19

Introduction

- God has kept His promise to David that he will be Israel's next king.
- David is now uniting his people and consolidating his government.
- His next goal is to bring the sacred '**Ark of the Covenant**' to Jerusalem.

1 Making God Angry

- David instructs the priesthood to action his plan.
- The priests put the ark on an oxen drawn cart for its 8 mile journey.
- The journey was in a festival atmosphere with musicians playing.
- The oxen stumbles and the ark threatens to fall of the cart.
- Uzzah puts his hand to the ark and an angry God strikes him dead.
- **NB.** There are times our God is made angry.
- Why was he angry with Uzzah?
- [Numbers 4] provides clear instructions regarding the transportation of the sacred ark.
- It was to be carried on the shoulders of the priests by means of the poles inserted through the gold rings on both sides.
- The ark was also to be covered so as not to be looked upon.

- All this was ignored and the disobedience invited the anger of God.
- In [vs 7] God is angry and in [vs 8] David is angry. Why?

2 Learning The Holiness of God

- David had to learn the holiness of God. So do we.
- Jacob learned the holiness of God at Bethel in [Genesis 28]
- Simon Peter learns the holiness of God in [Luke 5].
- Learn the holiness of God (the easy way). Cultivate the '**fear of the Lord**'

3 Doing Life By The Book

- For 3 months the ark resides in the home of a man called Obededom.
- David then orders another attempt at bringing the ark to Jerusalem.
- This time things are '**done by the Book**' and everything goes well and everyone is blest.
- Centuries earlier [Exodus 25:40] God had given orders, do it '**according to the pattern shown.....**'
- God's Word is His pattern/blueprint.
- The Authority of God is invested in His Word.
- The Bible says to us: '**see that you do everything according to the Book**'.
- What exactly should we do by the Book?
- The honouring of parents.
- Chastity before marriage and faithfulness in marriage.
- How we '**do church**'.
- Remember the Sabbath day to keep it HOLY [Exodus 20:8].
- The tithe is Holy to the Lord. [Leviticus 27:30].
- How we treat our fellow believers.

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