
David: A Man After God's Heart

"A Hard Lesson"

2 Samuel 6

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Introduction: We are in the midst of a study focused on David.

1. He united the nation under his rule, conquered Jerusalem and made it his capital.
2. Here in chapter 6, he brings the ark of God to Jerusalem.
3. After the conquest of the Promised Land, the tabernacle which housed the Ark was established at Shiloh.
4. After a discouraging defeat at the hand of the Philistines, the ark had been brought to the battlefield (1 Samuel 4).
5. In the ensuing battle the ark was lost, and Shiloh destroyed.
6. Because God severely judged the Philistines for their disrespect in handling the ark, they returned it to Israel.
7. From 1 Samuel 7 on, the ark has been housed at Kiriath-Jearim.
8. With Jerusalem established as his capital, David intends to bring the Ark there.
9. As he does, he learns a hard lesson.
10. As we study this story, we can learn some lessons of our own.

I. Disaster At Perez-Uzzah

- A. Good Intentions
- B. Faulty Execution
- C. A Tragic Outcome
- D. Fear

II. Success At Last

- A. Transporting The Ark
- B. Sacrifice
- C. Uninhibited Celebration
- D. Criticism
- E. Humility

Conclusion: How does this story help us today?

1. Lesson #1: We should do the right things for the right reasons, and the right ways.
2. Lesson #2: Do not let failure define you. Learn from your failure.
3. Lesson #3: Don't be afraid of emotion. God deserves uninhibited praise.
4. Lesson #4: Live as if you have an audience of one. Trust Him.