

A Solemn Assembly 2

2 Sam 6:6-23

6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. 7 Then the anger of the **LORD was aroused against Uzzah**, and God **struck him there for his error**; and he died there by the ark of God.

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`oz (oze); or (fully) `owz (oze); from OT:5810; strength in various applications (force, security, majesty, praise):KJV - boldness, loud, might, power, strength, strong.

Jer 25:7

"Yet you have not listened to Me," says the LORD, "that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

8 And David became angry because of the LORD's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day.

OT:6556perets (peh'-rets); from OT:6555; a **break** (literally or figuratively): Memorial when God broke man

2 Sam 6:1-15 Reverence

Uzzah's transgression would not have happened had David insisted on transporting the Ark in the proper way

ARK

Ark of the Covenant (Heb. 'aron, the common name for a "chest" or "coffer").

Names. It was called the "ark of the covenant" (Num 10:33; Deut 31:26; Heb 9:4; etc.), because in it were deposited the **two tablets of stone upon which were written the Ten Commandments**, the terms of God's covenant with Israel; "the ark of the testimony" (Ex 25:16,22), the commandments being God's testimony respecting His own holiness, and the people's sin; "the ark of God" (1 Sam 3:3; 4:11), as the throne of the divine presence.

Don't put your hands on God's promises....

Heb 9:4

4 which had the **golden censer** and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the **golden pot that had the manna**, **Aaron's rod that budded**, and **the tablets of the covenant**;

Heb 9:1-7

[1.] What was in it. First, **The golden pot that had manna**, which, when preserved by the Israelites in their own houses, contrary to the command of God, presently decomposed; but now, being by God's appointment deposited here in this house, was kept from decay, always pure and sweet; and this to teach us that it is only in Christ that our persons, our graces, our performances are kept pure.

It was also a type of the bread of life we have in Christ, the true ambrosia that gives immortality. This was also a memorial of God's miraculously feeding his people in the wilderness, that they might never forget such signal favour, nor distrust God for the time to come.

Secondly, Aaron's rod that budded, and thereby showed that God had chosen him of the tribe of Levi to minister before him of all the tribes of Israel, and so an end was put to the murmuring of the people, **and to their attempt to invade the priest's office**, Num 17. This was that rod of God with which Moses and Aaron wrought such wonders; and this was a type of Christ, who is styled the man, the branch (Zech 6:12), by whom God has wrought wonders for the spiritual deliverance, defence, and supply of his people, and for the destruction of their enemies. It was a type of divine justice, by which Christ the Rock was smitten, and from whom the cool refreshing waters of life flow into our souls.

Thirdly, The tables of the covenant, in which the moral law was written, signifying the regard God has to the preservation of his holy law, and the care we all ought to have that we keep the law of God-that this we can only do in and through Christ, by strength from him nor can our obedience be accepted but through him.

9 David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "**How can the ark of the LORD come to me?**"

10 So David would not move the ark of the LORD with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of **Obed-Edom** the Gittite.

11 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.**

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`abad (aw-bad'); a primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication, to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.

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'Edom (ed-ome'); or (fully) 'Edowm (ed-ome');

12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house 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 gladness.** (*goodness of the Lord leads us to repentance*)

2 Sam 6:6-11

(1.) It was kindly entertained and welcomed, and continued there three months, v. 10, 11. Obed-edom knew what slaughter the ark had made among the Philistines that imprisoned it and the Bethshemites that looked into it. He saw Uzzah struck dead for touching it, and perceived that David himself was afraid of meddling with it; yet he cheerfully invites it to his own house, and opens his doors to it without fear, knowing it was a savour of death unto death only to those that treated it ill. "O the courage," says bishop Hall, "of an honest and faithful heart! nothing can make God otherwise than amiable to his own people: even his very justice is lovely."

(2.) **It paid well for its entertainment:** The Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household. The same hand that punished Uzzah's proud presumption rewarded Obed-edom's humble boldness, and made the ark to him a savour of life unto life. Let none think the worse of the gospel for the judgements inflicted on those that reject it, but set in opposition to them the blessings it brings to those that duly receive it. None ever had, nor ever shall have, reason to say that it is in vain to serve God. **Let masters of families be encouraged to keep up religion in their families, and to serve God and the interests of his kingdom with their houses and estates, for that is the way to bring a blessing upon all they have.** The ark is a guest which none shall lose by that bid it welcome.

Josephus says that, whereas before Obed-edom was poor, on a sudden, in these three months, his estate increased, to the envy of his neighbours. Piety is the best friend to prosperity. In wisdom's left hand are riches and honour. His household shared in the blessing. It is **good living** in a family that entertains the ark, for all about it will fare the better for it.

13 And so it was, **when those bearing the ark** of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.

14 Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she **despised him in her heart.**

17 So they brought the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

18 And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19 Then he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house.

20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"

21 So David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel. Therefore I will play music before the LORD.

22 And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor." 23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

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2 Sam 6:12-19

2. It was an evidence that the ark was not such a burdensome stone as it was taken to be, but, on the contrary, happy was the man that had it near him. Christ is indeed a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, to those that are disobedient; but to those who believe he is a corner-stone, elect, precious, 1 Peter 2:6-8. When David heard that Obed-edom had such joy of the ark, then he would have it in his own city. Note, The experience others have had of the gains of godliness should encourage us to be religious. Is the ark a blessing to others' houses? let us bid it welcome to ours; we may have it, and the blessing of it, without fetching it from our neighbours.