



**SERMON TITLE** Glory Revived

**SERIES** Godly Reset

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**KEY SCRIPTURE** 2 Samuel 6:1 – 7:1

**SYNOPSIS**

For a true Godly Reset we need a renewal of the Presence of God. We can learn from the time that David brought the Ark of the Covenant into the city. To experience Glory Revived, we must give God his rightful place of priority. We must renew a holy fear of God, being completely obedient to him, and we must worship him wholeheartedly.

**HIGHLIGHTS** N/A



## ☞ **Glory Revived**

We've been talking about a Godly Reset. In Amos 9 God Promised Restoration when he said that he would rebuild David's fallen tent. He has plans to restore and rebuild while we partner with him. Last week we saw that even though Samson had terrible compromises, he had a great comeback in the end. The church, Christianity has followed a similar pattern with many compromises and failings, but I believe there will be an Incredible Resurgence of the church as God's Spirit revisits us.

Christianity does not need better church growth methods or more political clout in Washington, but a true Holy Ghost revival, according to Jim Cymbala. *"Christianity is hopeless without the Holy Ghost. You can give people the words, but unless they are anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit, they are powerless. If doctrinal sermons were all that was needed, we would have won the entire world by now, but we need the Holy Spirit. Revival will not happen by doing methods or programs. We need an invasion from heaven; we need the power and blessing and anointing of the Holy Spirit on our churches and our work."*

### **2 Samuel 6:1 – 7:1**

David desired God's presence. The Ark of God was a symbol of God's presence and when the priests were with the Ark, his presence was actually made manifest. It had been in Philistine territory, then they sent it back to Israel, but Saul didn't seem to care. But almost immediately upon becoming king, David decided to bring the Ark into the capital city, because he wanted God's presence. We need God's presence!

#### **v. 3-6 David wanted God's presence, but did some things wrong...**

Some looked right – v. 5, they celebrated with songs and instruments. They even put "all their might" into it! Those are good things that we are encouraged to do, but these alone won't usher in God's presence. David did not do everything quite right...

**v. 6-7 When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. 7 The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore, God struck him down and he died there beside the ark of God.**

Now, this seems unfair. Uzzah was just trying to keep the ark safe and he got killed. Why? The bible calls it an "irreverent act." Why?

1 Chronicles 15:13

It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the Lord our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way.

☞ **David didn't check with God first. There was a proper way to bring God's presence in, but David did it his own way.**



## 1 Samuel 15:22

**Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.**

**v. 3 they set the ark on a new cart** This was wrong! It was supposed to be carried on the shoulders of the priests!

I think the new cart represents programs and methods for us. Sometimes people get the idea that if we just used the latest, greatest program or trend we would have revival. But it's not programs that bring in God's presence, it's people. Now, new ideas and programs can be beneficial and I'm not saying these things are wrong, but they are not the keys to bringing in God's presence.

**v. 3-4 Uzzah & Ahio were guiding the cart and Ahio was walking in front of it.**

☞ The ark was supposed to be leading the people. They had things in reverse! **God's presence is supposed to lead and we follow**, not the other way around! Too often, we have our agenda and just try to add God into it. That doesn't work! Instead, we need to ask God what his agenda is and then follow his lead.

And, I'm not just talking about our Sunday gatherings. I'm talking about your personal daily life. God's presence can and should be with you, leading you every day!

**v. 9 then David was afraid...** I think perhaps this is where he should have started in the first place. It was the "irreverent act" that killed Uzzah.

☞ **We need a holy fear of God!** God is "a consuming fire." If not given proper respect and fear, he can be deadly. When Christ returns in person with his presence coming in fullness; the bible writers call that "the great and terrible day of the Lord."

God's presence is awesome. It's something wonderful to be desired, but it's also something to be feared. We think the fear of God just means reverence, but it's more than that. It's like using power tools... I'm not afraid of power tools, but I understand that if I'm not careful, I can be seriously injured by them. I know this from experience! 😊

*I remember as a kid, how fun it was to play with Dad. But, it was scary (genuine fear) when I was in trouble.*

*I also remember being at an air show watching the Airforce Thunderbirds approach the airfield. Now, I love F-16s, and we could see them coming from quite a ways out. But, when they finally flew overhead, their power and noise was so intense we couldn't help but duck.*

If we think we can have God's presence and power while continuing to live any way we want, we're fooling ourselves. He must be feared! **Our lives must conform to his plans, not vice versa.**

Even with the fear in place, it's still desirable to have God's presence. We need his presence!



Exodus 33:15-16

Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. **16** How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

After David understood what was wrong, he fearfully and reverently tried again.

**v. 13-15 just like before, there was celebrating, singing, shouting and dancing, but something was different...** The ark was being carried as it was supposed to be. And, there was better **☞ preparation.**

1 Chronicles 15:12-15

He said to them, "You are the heads of the Levitical families; you and your fellow Levites are to consecrate yourselves and bring up the ark of the Lord, the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it. **13** It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the Lord our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way." **14** So the priests and Levites consecrated themselves in order to bring up the ark of the Lord, the God of Israel. **15** And the Levites carried the ark of God with the poles on their shoulders, as Moses had commanded in accordance with the word of the Lord.

Even David was wearing priest's clothes. (Linen ephod; not underwear!) Priests are all about ministering to and for God. David wasn't displaying his kingly clothes (his authority and **☞ power**), but was displaying his **submission to God.**

They offered sacrifices. (Commentaries are split about the "six steps," whether that was only the first six, or every six steps... for about 10 miles). In either case, there was sacrificing.

**☞ Welcoming God's presence will cost you. Sacrifice something!** If you want the fire of God; if you want the presence of God, **it's going to cost you. Time, energy, effort, money, friendships, priorities... You're going to have to put God first.**

**v. 16 David's wife, Michal despised him**

**☞ He humbled himself** by wearing what he did. She wanted him to remain dignified as the king of Israel and her negative reaction cost her (no kids) ... Be careful how you view other's response to God. This can go to both extremes: Some are moved to tears when they sense God's presence powerfully; others are moved to shout and dance while still others remain quiet before the Lord. Be careful how you interpret what's happening with someone else. But also, be willing to let God move you and possibly respond to him in a new way.

**v. 22 David said he would be even more undignified and humble, if it was for the Lord**

How badly do you want God's presence? Are you willing to sacrifice? Are you willing to humble yourself?



v. 16-17 the ark was brought to the City of David and placed in a prepared tent

☞ **God's presence & glory must have a place of prominence.** God's presence is something we must prepare for.

**Chapter 7... after bringing God's presence in, the Lord gave David rest from all his enemies; and, God spoke to him about his future.**

☞ **When God's presence is given the place of prominence, he gives us peace.**

Psalms 62:1-2

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. **2** He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

☞ **Psalms 91:1**

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**

When we focus on God first, our troubles vanish into the background. *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus; look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace"*

**Chapter 8... God gave him victory after victory after victory...**

Psalms 44:5-7

Through you we push back our enemies; through your name we trample our foes. **6** I do not trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory; **7** but you give us victory over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame.

☞ **When God's presence is with us we experience victorious life! It's his presence that enables us to overcome sin, temptation and the power of the enemy!**

We need his presence!

Church isn't about a few songs and a slick sermon; rather it's about getting up-close and personal with God. ("Leading people to an encounter with God")

- Lloyd John Ogilvie... *The institutional church in America is filled with religious people who desperately need an experience of the living, holy, forgiving, gracious God.*

We need God's presence!

☞ **Let's make sure we give him the proper place of priority!  
Let's prepare for his presence by being consecrated to him!  
Let's sacrifice time and energy for him!**



**Let's honor him with holy fear!  
Let's submit and be obedient to his commands!**

**☞ Let's watch our attitudes toward others!  
Let's remain humble!  
Let's welcome his presence with worship!  
Let's follow his lead, rather than just asking him to join us!**

**We need the presence of God!  
His Glory Revived!**

**Song - The Power of your Presence**