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Monday (Read 2 Samuel 6: 1- 9)

David gathered 30,000 of the choice men of Israel, not to fight, but to celebrate the bringing of the ark to Jerusalem; to honour the Lord. David did not want the people to get preoccupied by their conquest over enemies, as a personal glory for them, but intended to draw their hearts to God Himself, to rejoice in the Lord their true Saviour.

During the procession, Uzzah (the son Abinadab, in whose house the ark was) put out his hand and touched the ark of God and he was struck dead.

Why did God strike him?

- The ark should have been carried on the shoulders of Levites, and not on a cart.
- Uzzah should have known the law (refer to Numbers 4:15 “who ever touches the holy things will die”). Especially since the ark was in his father’s place for 70 years.
- God intended to confirm the need for the ‘fear of God’, beside the ‘love of God’; so that David and all the people would live in fear and dignity, as well as love.

Uzzah should have known better. This is a good reminder for us as Christians- do we know our Bible ? Do we know how to live a God Fearing life? Are we obedient to God’s words?

Tuesday (Read 2 Samuel 6: 9-23)

David thought that he was doing the right thing. He wanted to give honour to the Lord. He wanted all the Israelites to worship the Lord again. But the Lord had stopped the procession. David was angry. Then David realised how Holy God was. So he became afraid of the Lord. He did not want the Lord to punish any more people. David did not know whether the ark would ever go to Jerusalem.

For three months the Lord blessed everything that Obed Edom had. David realised that the ark itself was not the problem. The Lord had been angry because Uzzah had done something wrong. He had touched the ark. But then, the Lord blessed everyone who gave him honour. The other problem was that David’s men had carried the ark in the wrong way. They had not obeyed the Lord. This time they carried it as the Lord had said. And they sacrificed to the Lord.

Michal loved David (1 Samuel 18: 20), and saved him from the hand of her father (1 Samuel 19: 13); But she was given by Saul as a wife to ‘Paltiel the son of Laish’; then was given back to her first husband David. ... But she saw in his taking off his royal robe, and his dancing before the Ark of the Covenant, a shameless act that is not fitting for a king.



Wednesday (Read 2 Samuel 7: 1-17)

David wanted to build Him a house; considering it unfitting for himself to dwell in a house of cedar, while the ark of the covenant dwells inside tent curtains.

Nathan, had approved David’s request to build a house for the Lord, considering it a good and fitting request; Yet, when he sought the counsel of God, he was told to leave it to David’s son after him.

God rejected David’s request to build him a house, as God had not dwelt in a house since the time that he brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, and had not demanded that from them; God does not need a house. He wanted to confirm that they are themselves His living house; His wish is to dwell within them, and to proclaim His presence in them, through their holy life.

Let me, O Lord Jesus Christ, be worthy of participating in building Your house ...I wish I could provide gold for the mercy seat, for the ark of the covenant, for the lampstand, or for the lamps! ... Let us build the tabernacle of the God of Jacob, our Lord Jesus Christ, and adorn it

Take note in verse 5- that God addresses David as “servant”



Thursday (Read 2 Samuel 7: 18-29)

King David thanks and praises the Lord with utmost humility, lifting up his voice from the depth of his heart.

“Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house that you have brought me this far?”

While he is the king of Israel he addresses himself before the Lord as “His servant”. He recognizes his weakness, his insignificance. He is struck with awe and wonder that God would choose to use him. He is not puffed up with his power as king of Israel, but humbled by the awareness that God uses him as His servant . David finishes his prayer by asking for God’s blessings.

“Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, O Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.” — 2 SAMUEL 7:29

Friday (Read 2 Samuel 8: 1-10)

David’s wars against the pagan nations. David struck:

- a. The Philistines
- b. The Moabites
- c. The Syrians- This is when King David wrote Psalm 60 (Zobah being the captial). David acknowledges in this Psalm that it is through the Lord only that him and the troops gained victory over their long time enemies.

‘Toi’ king of Hamath sent his son to David to greet him and bless him, because he fought against, and defeated Hadadezer, who was an enemy of ‘Toi’. The son brought with him articles of silver, articles of gold, and articles of bronze; all of which David dedicated to the house of the Lord. David accepted that gift, to proclaim that he prefers peace to war.

Psalm 60

Urgent Prayer for the Restored Favor of God

O God, You have cast us off;
 You have broken us down;
 You have been displeased;
 Oh, restore us again!
 You have made the earth tremble;
 You have broken it; Heal its breaches, for it is shaking.
 You have shown Your people hard things; You have made us drink the wine of confusion.
 You have given a banner to those who fear You,
 That it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah
 That Your beloved may be delivered,
 Save Your right hand, and hear me.
 God has spoken in His holiness:
 “I will rejoice;
 I will divide Shechem
 And measure out the Valley of Succoth.
 Gilead Mine, and Manasseh Mine; Ephraim also the helmet for My head; Judah My lawgiver.
 Moab My washpot; Over Edom I will cast My shoe; Philistia, shout in triumph because of Me.”
 Who will bring me the strong city?
 Who will lead me to Edom?
 not You, O God, cast us off?
 And You, O God, did not go out with our armies?
 Give us help from trouble, For the help of man useless.
 Through God we will do valiantly,
 For He shall tread down our enemies.

Saturday (Read 2 Samuel 6: 11-18)

As David managed to subdue the adversary nations, and to gain the friendship of the peaceful nations, he also managed to care for his inner kingdom, and the people of God, not like Saul, who was strong in wars, and a failure in his internal policy.



“If God is for us, who can be against us?”
 Roman 5 8:31