

## Sunday Night Message

April 19, 2020

### *2 Samuel 6 – Growing Pains*

Topics – David; Uzzah; the Ark

Series – *2 Samuel*

Text – 2 Samuel 6

### Introduction

In chapter five, we saw:

- I. The Anointing of the King (vs. 1 – 5; compare 1 Chronicles 11:1 - 3)
- II. The Appropriation of the Kingdom's Capital (vs. 6 – 12; Compare 1 Samuel 11:4 - 9)
- III. The Acquiring of More Queens (vs. 13 – 16)
- IV. The Assistance of God Demonstrated (vs. 17 – 25; Compare 1 Chronicles 14:8 - 17)

The main principle that we see in this passage is that God is in control over David, and as a result, David and Israel have the blessings of God on them.

Practical Point – If we would allow God to rule in our hearts, we, too, will have God's blessing and power on our lives.

To be yielded to the will of God means to be filled with the Spirit of God. It means that God has complete control of our lives. Does God control your life?

Transition into 2 Samuel 6

David started out very well a king over all of Israel, but like Saul, he was tempted to do things his way, which will prove to be disastrous for him and Israel.

Here in chapter six, we will see David attempt to do something that is very good, but he will do it in his own way, instead of God's way. It is critical for us to realize as we try to do what God wants us to do, that we also do it in the way God wants us to do it.

David will have to learn a valuable lesson here. He will learn from his mistakes. We sometimes call these growing pains. We either do things that we are not supposed to be doing, or we do them at the wrong time, or we do them the wrong way.

#### **I. A Commendable Resolution (vs. 1 – 5)**

David had a right desire. The new capital of Israel was Jerusalem. The ark of the covenant had been away from the rest of the Tabernacle and was in the house of Abinadab in Gibeah. It had been there since the time the Philistines had taken it, and then had abruptly sent it back (see 1 Samuel 4 - 7).

#### **II. A Regrettable Result (vs. 6 – 11)**

See also 1 Chronicles 13:1 - 14

The problem wasn't what David wanted to do, the problem was the way he went about doing it. The ark was equipped with rings and staves (rods) according to Exodus 25:10 – 22; and, it was to be transported by the Kohathites, which was one of the three families belonging to the Tribe of Levi. Numbers 4:4 – 6; 15).

### **III. An Amendable Recovery (vs. 12 – 15; 17 – 19)**

This time, David did it the right way. We need to see this story from 1 Chronicles 15 in order to fully see this.

Read 1 Chronicles 15:1 – 4; 11 – 16; 24 - 28

### **IV. An Understandable Reviler (vs. 16; 20 – 23)**

Michal was given to David, and then after David was declared to be the enemy of Saul and Israel by Saul, she was then given by King Saul to another man. Many years had gone by and apparently Michal and this new husband, Phaltiel, developed a good marriage. In the meantime, David had married many other women. As part of David's negotiations with Abner and Israel, David demands to be given Michal back.

See 2 Samuel 3:13 – 16

So, Michal was used as a pawn by her Father, and now is being used as a pawn by David. She was taken away from the man who obviously loved her, and now she literally despises David. Later, the children that she raised for her sister, Merab, would be slaughtered in order to appease the Gibeonites (See 2 Samuel 21:7 – 9).

### **Conclusion**

The main message in this passage is that the work of God needs to be done in the will of God, which means that it needs to be done God's way. We need to be careful as we are feeling our way through this Covid-19 pandemic that we do not change to the point where we are violating the will of God in our zeal to accomplish the work of God.

### BATTLES DURING DAVID'S REIGN

- City
- City with an uncertain location
- ← Philistines attack David in the Valley of Rephaim, near Baal-perazim (2 Sam. 5:17ff)
- ← David repels Philistine attacks (2 Sam. 5:25)
- ← David attacks Hadadezer, king of Zobah (2 Sam. 8:3ff)
- ← Edomites threaten David at Valley of Salt (2 Sam. 8:13)
- ← David decisively defeats the Edomites (2 Sam. 8:14)
- ← Ammonites, aided by the Aramean mercenary forces of Zobah, Beth-rehob, Maacah and Tob, challenge David near Rabbah (Amman) (2 Sam. 10:1ff)
- ← David's forces defeat the Ammonite-Aramean confederation (2 Sam. 10:7ff)
- ← Hadadezer, king of Zobah, leads an Aramean army against David at Helam (2 Sam. 10:15ff)
- ← David defeats Hadadezer's Aramean confederation at Helam (2 Sam. 10:17ff)
- ← David is expelled from Jerusalem by his son Absalom (2 Sam. 17:21ff)
- ← David dispatches a census team throughout his realm (2 Sam. 24:1ff)
- ★ Battle scene

