

Blood & Guts for the Presence & Power

Purpose – *To impart a passion for the presence of God which will release the power of God. And to encourage people pay whatever price for the Presence – to be ready to spill blood and guts every 6 steps.*

- Presence > power > price

2 Samuel 6:12-15

So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. ¹³ When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. ¹⁴ Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, ¹⁵ while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

Front and centre

- The Ark – front and centre. The national treasure
- The Ark lost – ichabod
- The Ark destroys – blessing and judgment.
- The Ark sent back on an ox-cart.
- The Ark neglected by Saul 1 Chron 13:3

Restoring the glory

- The Ark restored by David.
 - 2 Sam 5 – becomes king, conquers Jerusalem, defeats Philistines.
 - 2 Sam 6 – first thing he does
 - Celebration

Tragedy

- Confusion
- Realises priests and Obed Edom blessed – Wisdom, humility and resolve

Every 6 steps

- Hundreds of priests (862), linen ephod (priest)
- Calf every 6 steps
- Dancing – relieved / goodness / triple anointing
- Establishes Tab David – simple tent, open presence, all people, 16 ministries 24/7 (1 Chron 9:33), massive bands, choirs, orchestras 4000 instruments (1 Chron 23:5), for goodness and grace (1 blood sacrifice), psalms, 33 years.
- Tab David: 1) Grace 2) Presence 3) Harvest/nations.
- Despised by Michal
- Rebukes
- 2 Sam 6 – covenant; 2 Sam 8 – victories

David - Extravagant worship – kingly robes > priestly robes; dignity or dance; fear of God or man

Uzzah – Presumption - Uzzah = *strength*. Presumption/pride Num 4:15 Abinadab's house 20 years (1 Sam 7:1).

Michal - Contempt – Opposite: Uzzah arrogantly pushed himself forward; Michal withdrew and judged from a distant. Contempt, criticism, scorn. “daughter of Saul” not “wife of David”.

barrenness.

Humility – the key to it all

- Pride killed Uzzah; Michal's barrenness. Humility David (1 Chron 15:13; 6:22).
- Ox-cart and human strength.
- Six = man, oxen = strength. A fattened calf = very best meat.

Persevering in sacrifice

- Blood and guts: Obed-Edom's house > Mt. Zion 12-15 km, 30 000 paces, sacrificed over 3 500 times!
- Persevere God's glory and power > blood and guts want give-up.
- Enter into Jesus' suffering.
 - *We need to spill blood and guts for the presence and power.*
 - Passion for His Presence
 - Pay the price for His Presence
 - Humility & perseverance
 - Impartation Presence