

The Importance of Reverence for God's Presence
The Heart of a King – Part 3
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Intro: David attempts to move the ark.

I Chronicles 13:1-3 (NLT)

1. David wanted more than a victory in Battle, he wanted to be near the presence of God.
2. Is God useful to you or is He Beautiful?
 - i. Religious people find God useful.
 - ii. Deeply devoted people value His presence above all.

A. A Lack of Reverence leads to Spiritual Blindness.

2 Samuel 6:1-5 (NLT)

1. Great worship going on but ignoring the reverence of God's presence.
 - i. Understanding what the word says about worship.
 - ii. Worship is when you are in the presence of the Lord.
 - iii. Worship is only possible with Clean hands and a Pure heart.
 - iv. Uzza was blinded to the importance of reverencing the presence of God.
2. Spiritual blindness:
 - i. Good ideas vs God ideas.
 - ii. Doing a spiritual activity is not the same as honoring the presence of the Lord.

B. Irreverence for God's presence causes Death.

2 Samuel 6:6-7 (NLT)

1. A lack of reverence for God's presence at the very least brings spiritual death.
2. Be careful when using humor concerning spiritual things.

C. Reverence for God's presence brings blessing.

2 Samuel 6:9-11 (NLT)

1. There is nothing more important than the presence of God in your home.
2. Obed-Edom was a Levite who was always around the Ark. He valued the presence of God.

2 Samuel 6:12 (NLT)

D. Reverence for God brings Joy.

1. Irreverent worship is when it is more about us than about God.
2. Thanksgiving and praise are about God's commands not about our feelings.

I Chronicles 16:28-29 (NLT)

2 Samuel 6:13-15 (NLT)

3. In God's presence is fullness of joy (**Psalms 16:11 NKJV**)
4. David set aside his position as King to dance before the Lord.

E. A Lack of reverence leads to a barren life.

2 Samuel 6:16 (NLT)

1. She despised her husband and the God he was worshipping.

2 Samuel 6:20-23 (NLT)

2. Lack of honoring God's presence leads to spiritual and bareness in other areas of life as well.

Next Steps: Today I am:

1. Committing my life 100% to the Lord.
2. Asking God to help me to value and honor the presence of God above all else.
3. Asking God for a fresh encounter in God's presence.
4. Asking God to give me the courage to worship God with all my heart.