

**STRENGTH THROUGH WEAKNESS**

2 Samuel 6

**I. Rain on David’s “Parade”**

**A. God “rains” on David’s parade (6:1-11): \_\_\_\_\_**

1. David’s *unsuccessful* attempt to transport the ark to Jerusalem (6:1-5)

a. The nature of the Ark (6:1-2): The earthly \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- 1) A \_\_\_\_\_ center (Exodus 25:22) (The Ten Commandments)
- 2) A \_\_\_\_\_ center (Leviticus 16) (Day of Atonement)
- 3) A \_\_\_\_\_ center (Numbers 10:33-36; Joshua 3, 6)  
Throne = \_\_\_\_\_

b. The starting point: The house of Abinadab (6:3)

- 1) The *capture* of the Ark (1 Sam. 4)
- 2) The *conquest* of (the God of) the Ark (1 Sam. 5-6)
- 3) The *celebration* of the Ark (1 Sam. 6:13-18)
- 4) The *chastisement* of (the God of) the Ark (1 Sam. 6:19-21)
- 5) The *custody* of the Ark (1 Sam. 7:1-2)

Note: The ark remained with Abinadab for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

c. The process: Uzzah and Ahio transported the Ark on a new \_\_\_\_\_ drawn by oxen (6:1-4).

d. The atmosphere: Great \_\_\_\_\_ (6:5)

**2. Judgment on Uzzah (6:6-11)**

a. The incident: when Uzzah \_\_\_\_\_ the Ark to steady it, God struck him down and he died (6:6-7).

b. David’s reaction(s)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

c. David’s action: He “\_\_\_\_\_” the Ark at the house of Obed-Edom for 3 months.

d. What was wrong? They didn’t follow the \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Chron. 15:1-3, 13-15; Deuteronomy 17:18-20).

**B. Michal “rains” on David’s parade (6:12-23): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_**

1. David’s *successful* attempt to transport the ark to Jerusalem (6:12-15, 17-19)

a. The process: \_\_\_\_\_ adherence to the directions (1 Chron. 15:12-15)

b. The atmosphere: Great \_\_\_\_\_ (6:12-15)

c. The results (6:17-19)

- 1) The Ark was successfully situated in Jerusalem, making it God's capital
- 2) The king blessed the people with symbols of fruitfulness

## 2. Judgment on Michal (6:16, 20-23)

- a. The incident: David's \_\_\_\_\_ dancing before the LORD (6:14)
- b. Michal's reaction: She \_\_\_\_\_ him in her heart (6:16)
- c. The confrontation (6:20-22)
  - 1) Michal's rebuke: David acted in a manner unbecoming to a \_\_\_\_\_ (16:20).
  - 2) David's counter-rebuke: (16:21-22)
    - a) What I did was "before the LORD" and was \_\_\_\_\_.
    - b) You are thinking like your \_\_\_\_\_ who had no regard for the Ark (or God), and who was set aside.
    - c) I choose to \_\_\_\_\_ my life out before God – not you, or anyone else
    - d) Rather than exalting myself as being \_\_\_\_\_ my people, I will humble myself and be one \_\_\_\_\_ them (6:5, 22; Deut. 17:15, 20)
- d. The result (6:23): The end of the line of the house of \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Points to Ponder (and Practice)

A. We need to relate to God *as He is* and not as we \_\_\_\_\_ He is or \_\_\_\_\_ to be.

1. A true knowledge of God (as He is) is revealed through the \_\_\_\_\_ . . .
2. . . . and through the on-going \_\_\_\_\_ by His Spirit in Christians' lives.

B. Inaccurate perceptions of God produce inappropriate \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ toward him.

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ view of God leads to \_\_\_\_\_ behaviors:

- Trying to \_\_\_\_\_ God
- Trying to \_\_\_\_\_ God

2. Inappropriate feelings are the result of misguided \_\_\_\_\_ of God

3. An accurate understanding of God leads to fear (but not \_\_\_\_\_).

C. God's self-\_\_\_\_\_ advances His purposes. Even when He is in "captivity," He is still in \_\_\_\_\_. Much of God's work in this world is accomplished \_\_\_\_\_