

SO, YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE? 2 SAM. 6:10-23

Let's summarize what happened.

David brought back the ark:

➤ After a trial period

2 Samuel 6:11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite **three months: and** the LORD blessed Obededom, and all his household.

2 Samuel 6:12 And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. **So** David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness.

➤ By the Bible

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Numbers 4:15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath **shall come to bear it:** but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

Numbers 7:9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them was **that they should bear upon their shoulders.**

➤ From the heart

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2 Samuel 6:14 And David danced before the LORD **with all his might;** and David was girded with a linen ephod.

2 Samuel 6:15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD **with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.**

2 Samuel 6:16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, **and saw king David leaping and dancing** before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

➤ With great sacrifice & blessing

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2 Samuel 6:17 And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: **and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.**

2 Samuel 6:18 And as soon as David had made **an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.**

2 Samuel 6:19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house.

➤ Before the Lord

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➤ Not without criticism

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2 Samuel 6:20 Then David returned to bless his household. **And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!**

What strikes me is:

The depth of the contempt

Genesis 25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: **thus Esau despised his birthright.**

Contempt for the obvious good

Contempt she wouldn't let go

Concluding thoughts:

1. You will be criticized!

2. All of you will be criticized!

Actions	Motives	Dreams
Hopes	Plans	Failures
Successes		

3. Criticized for your most sacred acts!!!

4. Criticized for your position

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5. Criticized unfairly

6. Criticized for “A” when it is really “B” / “C” / “D” / a distant “Z”!

What exactly was being criticized?

The ark? Dancing? No kingly clothing? Doing this before the Lord?

Might it have been?

- about how David won and not Saul?
- about her previous husband
- about her lack of status
- about her having been used as a pawn
- about her never being treated as a woman should be treated

7. Criticism that cuts deeper than it should have!

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Samuel 6:22 And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

2 Samuel 6:8 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: **and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day.**

2 Samuel 6:23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child **unto the day of her death.**