

**Bringing Back the Presence**  
**2 Samuel 6**  
**Life of David Series**  
**(David: After God's Own Heart)**

Again David gathered all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the Lord of Hosts, who dwells between the cherubim. 3 So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. 4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark. 5 Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the Lord on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.

6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. 7 Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God. 8 And David became angry because of the Lord's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day.

**2 Samuel chapter 6 begins as scene in the life of David that is filled with Joy and excitement –**  
**A)Bringing the Ark of God back home**

B )But this particular portion of scripture has caused many great confusion –

1)because this guy Uzzah gets killed by God  
Seemingly for trying to help God out! – Confusing....

C)I think if I were to ask for a show of hands today

1)How many of you have been confused by this passage – what happened to Uzzah

D)Venture to say 99.8% of you and Christians in most churches would raise their hands.

E)What was the big deal with the Ark of the Covenant.

1)Answer these 3 questions today as we work through this chapter.

**The Significance of the Ark**

**#1 How the Holiness and glory of God was represented in the Ark**

**#2 How the Ark presents an Answer to man's sin problem**

**#3 What is our only logical response to this information**

**#1 How the Holiness and Glory of God was represented in the Ark**

A)Start by answering the questions what was the Ark and where has the Ark been?

B)When God instructed Moses in the book of Exodus to build a Tabernacle – Tent of meeting – see picture  
1)Place where God would meet with the people of Israel in the Wilderness and in the OT

The Tabernacle consisted of two rooms. The Holy Place –priest would go in daily offer up prayers

A)And the Holy of Holies – The Central feature of the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant

B)This golden box – that represented the Presence of God amongst the people of Israel

C)Inside this golden box were three things – The 10 commandments revealing God's heart and standard

1)A Golden pot of manna – reminder of God miraculous provision

D)And Aaron's Rod that budded- signifying that the family of Aaron had a special calling as priest in Israel –

1)Priest were the mediators – the Go between – between God and his people.

E)The Priest represented God to the people and the people to God.

On top of the Ark was a covering known as the Mercy Seat – on top of the mercy seat were two Cherubim

A)One day out of the year – the High Priest would be allowed to enter into the Holy of Holies –

B)God would somehow appear to the High Priest above the Mercy seat

**C)So the Ark represented to Israel the Presence of God and the Glory of God**

D) So after David becomes King – he has this Great desire to bring the Ark of God –

1) or the Presence of God and the Glory of God Back to Israel – Great Desire for any leader –

**So that leads us to the question: Where has the Ark Been?** Quickly walk you through 1 Samuel 4-7

A) Well back in 1 Samuel ch 4 we discover that the Israelites had been defeated in a battle by the Philistines

B) And as they were getting ready for a 2<sup>nd</sup> battle – the Elders of Israel – (not sure who that was) came up with an idea

C) Let's take the Ark with us into battle - Sort of like a good luck charm

D) Well they are defeated again and this time the Philistines capture the Ark

1) and take it to one of their capital cities – Ashdod

It is there that they place the Ark in the temple of the Philistine god – Dagon –

A) the Fish god as sort of a trophy to their god.

B) But in the morning they wake up – come in and find that Dagon has fallen off his throne –

1) lying face down before the Ark

C) They say this is fishy – this is weird – they stand Dagon back up on his throne –

1) Side note if you have to prop your god up – probably not a god worth following – right?

D) Well they come back – the next day and Dagon is fallen off his throne again before the Ark

This time the head of Dagon and the hands of Dagon have fallen off.

A) So they break out the super glue and piece Dagon back together

B) And they decide – these two God's can't Coexist – One of them has to go – let's get rid of the Ark

C) On top of that the Lord also struck the people of Ashdod with Tumors and boils –

1) they attributed it all to the Ark - Get that thing out of here.

So the Philistine cities start playing HOT POTATO with the Ark

A) The People of Ashdod send it to Ekron –

B) And the people of Ekron hearing what happened in Ashdod – we don't want that thing

C) Someone says: That thing is a curse and bad luck – lets send it back to Israel –

SO in 1 Samuel 6 – they put it on a NEW Cart

A) They attach two cows to the cart to pull it and they say let's see where they take it

B) If they take it back to Israel then we will know that all the calamity that has come upon us –

1) has come from their God

So the two Cows Miraculous walk straight back into the Israel territory call Beth Shemesh

A) The text literally says they didn't turn to the right or the left –

B) they make B-line for Israel (Lords of the philistines are watching)

C) The People of Beth Shemesh see the Ark and get all excited –

1) and they offer the cows as a sacrifice to God

But then some of the men of Beth Shemesh – do what they are not supposed to do – they look in the Ark

A) God said Exodus 25 – Num 4 only the Priestly family of the Koathites were allowed to handle the Ark –

B) They were to carry the Ark on poles

C) No one was supposed to touch it let alone look inside of it –

1) so these men in Beth Shemesh look inside – instantly die

Remember in Raider of the lost Ark when the Germans look inside the ark – they melted

A) Well it doesn't say the men of Beth Shemesh melted –

B) But it also doesn't say they didn't – so who knows

C) But over 50k men died that day in Beth Shemesh – Serious business

So the people of Beth Shemesh as freaking out – they are like – get the Ark out of here

**A)So the Ark ends up in a place in Israel called Kirjath Jearim – at the home of a guy named Abinadab**

B)And it stayed there for 20 yrs – sort of out of sight out of mind –

1)and No one including King Saul thought to bring it back

**But when David becomes King and captures Jerusalem and is setting up his Kingdom**

**A)The first thing he wants to do is to bring back the Ark –**

B)He wants the presence and glory of God to be all over his Kingdom

C)Great Desire – David as a King is wanting to honor God and have God's glory –

1)mark His Kingdom

So he puts together this occasion – to bring the Ark to Jerusalem – Big procession – big celebration-

A)live music – excitement

B)Right idea- Wrong Method

C)Notice V.3 Let's bring it on a NEW CART –

D)Where did they get that idea ? That is how the Philistines transported it

E)Which presents a lesson for us.- We can't seek to do God's work using the world's methods

1)We need to follow the Word of God – Guidebook

Well David and the leaders of Israel – ignored the guidebook – did it the world's way.

A)So as the Ark is being transported on this Cart – hits a ditch or something –

B)the ox stumbles and Uzzah reaches out to steady the ark

C)He is instantly struck dead – the music stops – everyone is stunned –

1)David is Angry and then Afraid

D)The whole plan to bring the Ark back gets derailed

1)the Ark ends up sitting at the home of this guy name Obed's house – stays for 3 months

**Again that still doesn't answer the Question of why did God strike Uzzah dead**

A)Especially since he was only try to save the ark from falling.

B)Look back in your Bibles at V.7 Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error

C)Uzzah's error – that word error in the Hebrew carries the idea not just of a mistake –

1)but of irreverence -a bad heart attitude

D)A Disregard for the Holiness of God –

Let's say a guy commitments adultery on his wife – gets caught –

A)he says I am sorry I made a mistake

B)Isn't that making light of what he did?

C)His actions in committing adultery showed an irreverence toward his marriage vows –

D)Irreverence toward God and his wife.

1)Not a mistake – not an error –

The Prophet Hosea said this about the nation of Israel – My people are destroyed for lack of Knowledge – because they rejected the Knowledge

A)It was not that they didn't have the knowledge available to them they just ignored it

B)Guys I am going to get a little theological here for a few minutes – important –can you handle that?

**C)Talk about the Holiness of God – it is something that we can't really fathom in this life – 1)therefore we don't take it seriously**

The Bible declares this about God – God dwells in unapproachable light / God is light and in him is no darkness at all.

A)God is altogether Holy –

B)Angels in heaven – keep falling down crying Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God who sits on the throne

1)It is not Robotic behavior – it is their only response in the presence of God's glory and majesty

C)Remember when in the Book of Exodus God was going to meet with his people –

1)come before them at MT Siani

God descends upon the MT in a cloud and there is lightning and thunder and it is so ominous –

A)Scared to death - Never experienced anything like this –

B)God says let no one come near to touch the base of the MT – because they will die –

1)Not punishment it is Just the Consequence of the impact of this glory

C)Like saying to your kids – don't get too close to the fire – you will get burned!!! – It is just a fact

Now God did make a special provision for Moses to come up and meet with him on the MT in the cloud –

A)Moses didn't see God but heard him

B)One time Moses says to God – Can I see your Glory and God so no Moses it would kill you!

C)Sometimes people jokingly say – about a secret if I told you I would have to kill you – top secret

That is not what God is saying: He is saying – My glory is so bright it would kill you

A)Eclipse don't look directly at the sun – because it will blind you.

B)Some thing: No one can see my face and live!

1)Brilliance would kill you

C)But then God says -here is what I will do –

1)I will hide you in a cave behind a Rock and I will allow my backside to pass by that cave

D)The Brilliance of that moment was so great that Moses face was shining so bright afterward

1)the people couldn't look at him for weeks

E)He had to wear a veil this head covering – until the glow faded- after just experience a small degree glory

Which makes what Jesus did in coming to earth so amazing – HE WAS Totally God and totally man

A)Glory of God was concealed in his humanity – Small glimpse at the Mt of transfiguration.

B)So The Ark represents the Holiness and Glory of God –

1)it sat in the Holy of Holies and could only be accessed once a year – Only the High Priest

C)So God had set up this whole way it was to be transported – not touched but carried by poles

1)Even Covered in Goat skins

**D)All of that was to Magnify for God's people the seriousness of his Holiness and glory**

So in this instance with the Ark Israel is completely ignoring all of that –

A)Doing it their own way – following the example of the world

B)Ox Stumbles – Uzzah reaches out and tries to save the Ark – God strikes him dead for touching it

C)Now if you are still thinking -that makes no sense to me – He was only trying to help God out?

1)I would ask this question: -Does God need our help?

D)Do two wrongs ever make a right? –This whole situation was wrong

The question is not why did God kill Uzzah – he should have not been in that situation

A)The Question is not really why did God kill Uzzah

B)The bigger question is maybe why did God spare anyone else that day- the whole deal was off

So here is another thing that we need to understand about God

**A)There is a theological idea presented in scripture called the Principle of Precedence**

**B)Sometimes God does something at one time in the Bible to set a precedence for all time to send a message to his people**

C)Principle of Precedence – God strikes Achan dead in the book of Joshua for his disobedience in taking the spoil

New Season: New Land {God was sending a Precedence

A)Take my word seriously

B)Did every person who disobeyed that command after that die by the hand of God – No  
1)But I am sure people thought about it a little bit more before they disobeyed – and that was the point

C)In the book of Acts – beginning of the early Church – another new thing – new Covenant

D)Ananias and Saphira lie to the Holy Spirit – Drop dead on the spot  
1)Principle of Precedence – God was sending a message – I want my church to be pure

Here in this situation New King – New Era – God’s Man –

A)Jesus the Messiah is going to come from the line of David

**B)The Lord is setting a precedence – my word is to not be ignored**

**C)My glory is not to be dealt with irreverently – 1)My Holiness is to be taken seriously**

D)God’s Work is to be done God’s way.

E)It is a principle of Precedence

So hopefully that brings some clarity to what is happening here

**A)Move on to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Point – How The Ark is the answer to man’s sin problem**

<sup>11</sup> The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. (they left it there for 3 months because they were afraid of it),

B)and (now, watch this--)And the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

<sup>12</sup> Now it was told King David, saying, “The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that *belongs* to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness.

<sup>13</sup> And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.

A)Did you see the Key phrase in V.13 – when those bearing the ark

B)The ark is now being carried by people like God instructed in the book of Exodus

C)When Uzzah was carrying it, he was doing it in the Philistine way; the world’s way –

1)ignoring the instruction of God!

**D)BUT NOW THEY ARE DOING IT GOD’S WAY!**

E)NOTE Every 6 steps, they made a sacrifice. –

1)What was that about ?

God had provided a way for his people to be in his presence with safety--through sacrifice—

A)The most important feature of the Ark was a “Mercy Seat” which rested on the top

B)Once a year on the Day of Atonement the high priest, would sprinkle the blood of a sacrifice on the mercy seat

C)That symbolized that The sins of the People were covered for that year

1)by the blood of an innocent sacrifice

D)The whole scene pointed to Jesus – his final sacrifice

Now six is the Number of man – So David is making a bold statement here - Every six steps – sacrifice

A)Reminder the Sins of man – are covered by the blood of an innocent sacrifice

**B)The Answer to Man’s sin problem is the Sacrifice – and the Mercy of God!**

**C)Jesus died in our place – God doesn’t give us what we deserve – Mercy**

**1)Instead he shows us Grace – Getting what we don’t deserve**

D)Deserved Punishment – deserved Hell – God gives us forgiveness – Promises Heaven –

1)Our lives are under the Blood of Jesus – Mercy seat of God

I read a true story--of a man out hiking with his wife one afternoon in the middle of an open field when they got caught in a terrible hailstorm.

A)Now, this was a massive hailstorm; one of those rare storms where the hail was as large as baseballs.

B)The man realized that if he didn’t do something quickly, his wife would be severely hurt.

1) So, he draped himself over his wife, covering her with his own body so that the hailstones hit him instead of her.

C) He thought the hailstorm would only last a few seconds, but the hailstones seemed to just get bigger and bigger  
1) and come down harder and harder.

After a couple of minutes, he was bleeding all over – wounds on his head, arms and back.

A) They both survived, but he was left with scars from where the balls had battered away at him, scars that remain to this day.

B) He carries around with him visible reminders of the day he saved his wife.

C) On the local newscast, the man's wife was asked how she felt about their experience.

1) "Well, every time I see the scars, I love him more."

Did you know, according to the book of Revelation, that there will be only one person in heaven with scars? That is Jesus

A) You and I will have perfected bodies,

B) but Jesus will have scars from the holes in his hands and his feet and one in his side.

C) Those scars will be a reminder to us that the only reason we are there

1) is because Jesus stood between the wrath of God and the judgment headed our way.

D) He covered us with his love and kept the hailstones of judgment from hitting us.

E) And when we see the scars, it will make us love him more.

### **And that leads me to point #3 What is Our Only Logical Response to this information?**

<sup>14</sup> Then David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* wearing a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup> So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

A) So What did David do? He worshipped the Lord with all of his might!!!

B) Guys that is the only logical response when we understand the Grace and Mercy of God –

1) brought to us – Sacrifice of Jesus

C) Worship Him with all of our might

Notice that phrase and David was wearing a linen ephod

A) The Linen ephod was like the first century version of the t-shirt guys would wear under a dress shirt

B) The idea here is that David takes off his royal robes so he looks like anyone else.

C) Idea is further supported in the verses that follow

<sup>16</sup> Now 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 whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

<sup>17</sup> So they brought the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD

<sup>18</sup> And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. <sup>19</sup> Then he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of *meat*, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house. (Come back to this)

<sup>20</sup> 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 today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"

Michal says David looked like a fool, Your behavior wasn't befitting of a King,

A) you were acting like someone from the peasant class."

<sup>21</sup> So David said to Michal, "*It was* before the LORD, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel. Therefore I will play *music* before the LORD.

<sup>22</sup> And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor." <sup>23</sup> Therefore Michal the

daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

Here is what David is saying, “Michal, God chose me when I was nothing.

A)And now that I am something I am going to show everybody that it’s not because of something special about me;

B)it’s because of something special God has done for me.”

C)You remember, Michal was King Saul’s daughter.

Her dad’s problem, was he always cared more about what the people thought of him

A)Than how God viewed him.

B)And Michal sadly has taken on that same trait from her dad.

C)She is only thinking about what everyone else was thinking about her and David.

1)It’s all about appearances. For her

David says, “I don’t care what people think about me,

A)In fact, I don’t want them to think about me at all; I want them to think about Him – about God!

B)And by the way (he says to Michal) “as for those female servants in whose eyes

1)you seem to be so worried about my reputation,

C)When they see my exuberance before the Lord, I want them to know that

1)I’m nothing before the Lord and that he’s my everything,

D)So David says- I will be even more undignified before the Lord if it accomplishes that goal –

1)The focus is on Him!

In this scene and in David words He is giving us 2 powerful truths about Worship

A)There are two components that will be a part of true worship to the Lord

**B)All true worship should have elements of Passion and Self-forgetfulness attached to it.**

**C)Let’s talk first about Self Forgetfulness – David becomes undignified**

1)He humbles himself

D)David is saying: I am not King – He is the King!

**When we come together to worship God – that is what we are proclaiming every time.**

**A)I am not the King of my life – Jesus is King – I am not on the throne – He is on the throne –**

B)Every time – that should be our heart attitude in coming into Worship – Not about me it is about Him

**C)Great Definition of Worship: Worship is about putting the worthiness of God on Display.**

1)Worship = Worth-ship

D)When we worship we are declaring God’s worth!

In our study on Wednesday night – I said – I am glad I don’t hear our worship leaders ask the question

A)How you feeling today church?

B)Because – here is the deal – How we are feeling doesn’t matter – Irrelevant

1)What matters is who he is – he is worthy

C)If we are honest – We come into this space feeling different things on different days

Some days we are feeling lousy – Horrible week – In the flesh- we come in feeling guilty and condemned

A)Other times – We might come in feeling mad – or distracted – it becomes easy to say in that moment

B) I don’t really feel like worshipping God today

C)Again the issue is not about – How we feel – it is about who he is – The one who made a way –

1)Tore the Veil

D)Who says to us- it is BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD OF MY SON – COME BOLDLY

We need to respond to that –

A)Forgetting about ourselves – He is worthy – Worship him – put his worthiness on display.

B)True worship will have an aspect of self-forgetfulness attached to it

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> thing we learn here is this: Worship is to be Passionate –**

**A)David worshipped with all of his might**

B)We are commanded in scripture to Love God with all of our heart soul mind and strength!!!

C)Now this is where this gets tricky – We are all wired emotionally different

D)Different cultures have different ways of expressing emotion!

In other words worship is not a one size fits all thing!

A)The way one person expression passion and excitement is going to differ from the way someone else does

B)So if your personality is more exuberant and emotional –

1)you shouldn't judge someone who is more reserved That is their Personality - Excited on the inside

C)If you are more of a Reserved person – you shouldn't judge someone who is more exuberant –

1)they are such a spazz – no that is their personality

D)God has made us all different

But this is what I would say: Whatever your highest degree of expression of passion is –

A)God is deserving of that and MORE

B)If your team scores the winning touchdown – to win the superbowl

1)or grand slam to win the world series

C)And your highest expression of excitement is a fist bump –

1)People around you are jumping up and down – screaming

D)You are quietly smiling – Fist bumping everyone – that is all you got

1)God deserves more than that!

If someone gave you a check for \$1 million dollars and the best you got is a handshake and a hug

A)God has given you something far greater than a million dollars

B)Jesus made this statement – Whoever has been forgiven much – loves much

C)Put it another way: The more you realize that you have been forgiven the More you will Love!

1)And Show Love

The Word worship in the NT is Proskenuo – To turn and to Kiss

A)So the NT word for worship speaks of a PDA

B)But some people don't like to show PDA –

1)I have no problem with that – I will kiss my wife – any time anywhere

C)But Denise is much more reluctant – doesn't like to show much affection in public – Intimate

1)She will look around first – no one watching – not for public consumption

That is how some people are about Worship! – Intimate thing between me and God - I get that

A)But the Bible teaches us that worship is to be a Full body experience

B)Did you know that we are told more than 20 times in scripture to Raise our hands in worship –

1)examples Psalm 88:9, “I call for you every day, O Lord; I spread out my hands like a child toward you.”

C)Child raises his hands like this – Daddy pick me up - EXPRESSION OF NEED and Intimacy

Psalm 143:6, “I spread out my hands to you. My soul thirsts for you like a man in a parched land.”

A)Hands spread out –posture of ready to receive Lord I am thirsty and in need

Psalm 28:2, “Hear my cry for mercy as I call to You for help; as I lift my hands...”

B)The need is mercy – posture of surrender!

Psalm 134:2, “Lift your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord.”

C)Hands lifted high – Lord you are awesome!! Bless your name

**So We worship by raising our hands**

**A)We are commanded in scripture to clap our hands and shout for Joy!**

➤ Psalm 32:11 – “Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!”

- Psalm 35:27 – “Let those who delight in my salvation shout for joy...”
- Psalm 47:1 – “Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with a voice of triumph...”
- Psalm 81:1 – “Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!”
- Isaiah 12:6 – “Shout, and sing for joy, O Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”
- Zeph 3:14 – “Sing aloud, O Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O Jerusalem!”

B)So the Bible invites-really commands this full expression of Worship!

Question: If I am not feeling worshipful

A)isn't it sort of hypocritical to do something I am not feeling in my heart?

B)Again: It is not about how you feel it is about who he is

C)But I would also say this: It is true the posture of our body is a reflection of our heart –

1)Arms folded – hands in pocket – could be a Reflection – I am not feeling very appreciative today

I don't want to fake it - But I would also say this:

A)the posture of your body can also serve as a guide for the heart.

B)That is how God designed us

C)Psychologists tell us that we are psychosomatic creatures,

1)Which means our souls and bodies are intertwined

D)So, when I get into a posture of surrender (KNEEL), I feel emotions of surrender.

E)When I adopt a posture of reverence, it helps guide my heart to feel reverence.

Lift my hands and voice in praise - It helps my heart – go to that place and feel more celebrative

A)Eyes off of me and on to Him

B)So True worship will have an element of self-forgetfulness to it

C)And true worship will be passionate

Love that you are a church that likes to passionately praise the Lord – D Bali – People Sing – expressive

A)Most of the time sing loud – shout at the right times – clap all the time – every song

B)hopefully – not because the band is good – But because - God is great

C)I want to encourage you church to continue to be passionate – however that looks for you

D)Caveat – Do it in a way that puts the focus on him and not on you!

Did you know Worship can even be used by God in the lives of Unbelievers

A)I am missing something

1 Corinthians 14:25 unbelievers should come into our worship services, experience the presence of God in our midst, fall on their faces and say, “Surely God is among you!”

B)Unbeliever come in here sense – those people have something going on with God I am don't have

One last thing before we end today.

A)I think in a subtle way the last verse in this chapter – speaks to us a point

**B)That those who don't worship will be spiritually barren**

C)The Chapter ends by telling us Michal was barren – had no kids – it doesn't tell us why –

1)It is not suggesting infertility is a lack of worship

D)That is not the point – Point is a lack of worship leads to spiritual bareness in our lives.

E)So let's follow the example of David – Amen!!!