

WORSHIP GOD RIGHTLY

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Sermon Theme: God's shepherd king rises to power through God's provision, establishing a place for God's presence, so the Lord might be worshipped rightly by His people. We too must worship God rightly by responding to His ultimate King with great reverence and abundant joy!

I. The Promises of God – Read 2 Samuel 5:1-25

- A. How fundamental to Christianity are the promises of God? How fundamental are the promises of God to your daily walk with the Lord? To your daily fight against sin?
- B. How long has it been since God promised that David would be king over all of Israel? List all the difficult things that David has experienced since God anointed him king. What impact should God's promises have on our lives as we navigate the difficulties of life?
- C. Why is driving out the Jebusites in Jerusalem so significant in Zion becoming God's place?
- D. 2 Samuel 5:17-25 provides two battles that are almost identical. And yet, God's instructions are different. How is this helpful in thinking through daily life as a Christian?

II. The Presence of God – Read 2 Samuel 6:1-23

- A. What is your immediate reaction to Uzzah being struck down by the Lord? How about David's response of anger in verse 8? Do you think God overreacted to the situation?
- B. How is Deuteronomy 17:14-20 and Numbers 4:15-20 helpful in understanding that God's Word contains wonderful warnings to prevent death and that obedience is required for life!
- C. As you compare and contrast 2 Samuel 6:1-11 with 6:12-27, what do you think it looks like to worship God rightly? What is the necessary connection between a person's head and heart?

III. The Prince of God – Application

- A. What are some of details given about King David that remind you of King Jesus? What are some of King David's actions that are completely contrary to King Jesus?
- B. In what way is Jesus the ultimate anointed King, Shepherd, Priest, and Prince of God? How does the description of David abundantly blessing the people with offerings and gifts encourage you as you think about King Jesus providing for every one of our spiritual needs?
- C. Where would you like to excel still more in having a right head knowledge of God?
- D. What things in life pull the most at the affections of your heart and therefore against your love for Jesus? Sin, stuff, specific relationships, what people think of you, physical comfort? What do you think it looks to cultivate a great love and affection for the Lord Jesus on a daily basis?