

You Can't Keep God in a Box

1 Samuel 4 & 2 Samuel 6

The Biblical record of the ark reminds us of some important truths about God that may be forgotten in our day and age.

1. God will not be _____ (1 Samuel 4)

God is not a _____

God's _____ is not for our _____

2. God will not be _____ (2 Samuel 6)

We trivialize God when we:

- _____ the commands of God

Q: Where did they get the idea to move the ark on a cart?

A: The _____

“Now then, take and prepare a new cart and two milk cows on which there has never come a yoke, and yoke the cows to the cart, but take their calves home, away from them. And take the ark of the LORD and place it on the cart and put in a box at its side the figures of gold, which you are returning to him as a guilt offering. Then send it off and let it go its way” (1 Samuel 6:7–8, ESV)

We disobey God when we choose what makes sense to us instead of what God has clearly _____

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.” (Proverbs 16:25)

In these moments, we are declaring that we are _____ than God

- _____ the holiness of God (2 Samuel 6:6-7)

Uzzah assumed that his _____ was less polluted than the _____

If we are not careful, we can begin to expect and even demand God's _____ and only be amazed at His _____

3. True _____ come from an appreciation of God's grace and an obedient walk with Him (2 Samuel 6:12-23)

Notice David's two-fold response:

- Complete _____

“and said to them, “You are the heads of the fathers’ houses of the Levites. Consecrate yourselves, you and your brothers, so that you may bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it. Because you did not carry it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not seek him according to the rule.” So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel. And the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.” (1 Chronicles 15:12–15)

Faithfulness in the _____
matters to God!

The importance of obedience is not to be found in our understanding of the greatness of the _____; but in the greatness of the _____

- Joyful _____ (14-23)

Michal's eyes were on _____

David's eyes were on the _____

The tragedy of religion is that it too often tends to
_____ more Michals than Davids

➤ Worship includes _____

*“Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said,
“Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have
brought me thus far?” (2 Samuel 7:18)*

Two Possible Responses to a Holy God:

- A _____

- A _____

My Next Step Today Is To...

Respond to the Greatness of God in the following ways: _____

Become a follower of Jesus Christ by turning from my sin and trusting in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior (Become a Christian)

Publicly declare my faith in Christ as my Lord and Savior by being baptized

Obey God's leadership by moving from being an attender to a member of the First Baptist Family

Other:

