

1 Chronicles 15:25-16:3

"25 So David and the elders of Israel and the commanders of thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-edom with rejoicing. ²⁶ And because God helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD,

they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. 27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as also were all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers and Chenaniah the leader of the music of the singers. And David wore a linen ephod. ²⁸ So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting,

to the sound of the horn, trumpets, and cymbals, and made loud music on harps and lyres. 29 And as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David dancing and celebrating, and she despised him in her heart.

16 And they brought in the ark of God and set it inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. ² And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD

³ and distributed to all Israel, both men and women, to each a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins."



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Holy Worship

Wholehearted Worship

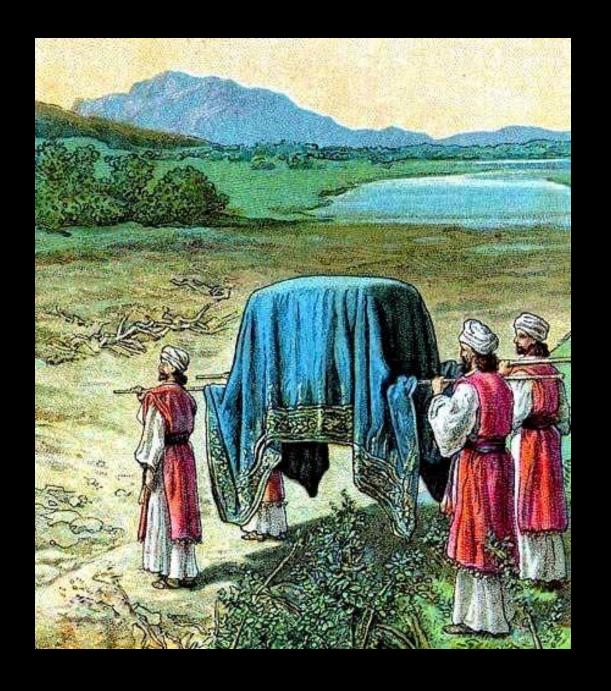
Benediction Worship

1) The Call to Holy Worship

So David and the elders of Israel and the commanders of thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-edom with rejoicing. And because God helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. Vs 25,26

"No-one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, because the LORD chose them to carry the ark of the LORD and to minister before him for ever."..... It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the LORD our God broke out in anger against us. We did not enquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way."

1 Chron 15:2,13



"Who can stand in the presence of the LORD, this holy God? To whom will the ark go up from here?"

1 Samuel 6:20

"'Among those who approach me I will show myself holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honoured.'"

Leviticus 10:3

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1 Chron 15:26

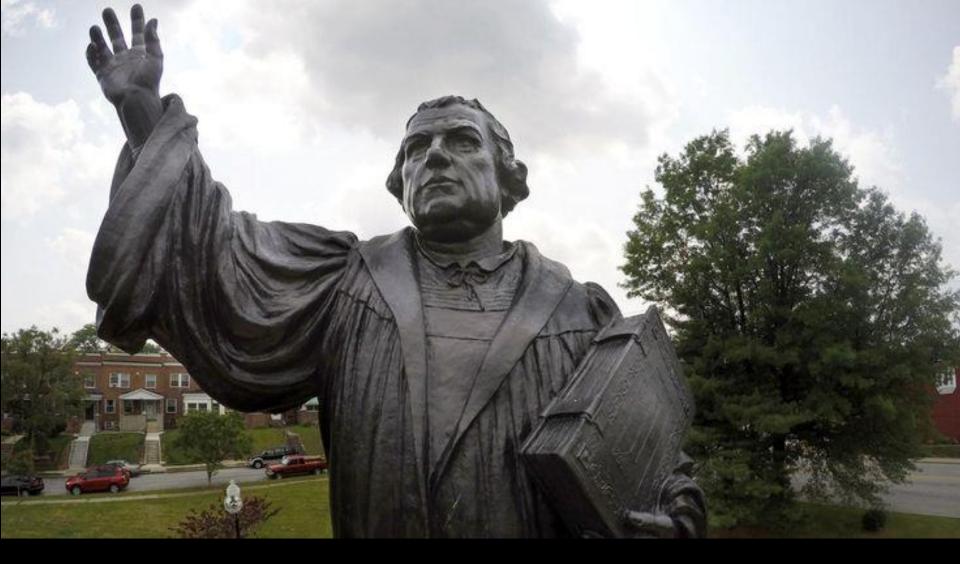
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1 Chron 16:1

"In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

Hebrews 9: 22





2) The Call to Wholehearted Worship

So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, to the sound of the horn, trumpets, and cymbals, and made loud music on harps and lyres. And as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David dancing and rejoicing, and she despised him in her heart. Vs28,29

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We live in Washington, D.C. Frequently, when I am traveling or having meetings in other parts of the country, people ask me about my perspective on all that is taking place in the nation's capital. With my best poker face, I inform them that everything is going very well, that all the ills of the country and

world are being addressed and resolved. "There is nothing to worry about," I inform them. This is normally followed by a look of unbelief, or by a large smile, as they are sure I am joking.

Recapping the headlines in the last few weeks leaves many with a different opinion. ISIS and Syria are unending sources of concern, as refugees look for places of relief from violence and terrorism threatens peace and stability in the West.

New York City and New Jersey feel the most recent brunt of such conflict recovering from explosions. Riots continue to break out in various cities as a result of police shooting African American men. And on top of it all, we among leaders here in Washington. After finishing the rough draft, I sent a copy to friends and fellow MTS staffers to read and bring me back their praise. Well. There was little praise

for my work. No one thought it would be among the next New York Times best sellers. So, I spent the next few months as I traveled to New Delhi, Belfast, and London rewriting and adding new chapters. However, by the end



David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

2 Samuel 6:14, 15

As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.....When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would."

2 Samuel 6:16, 20

"David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD's people Israel—I will celebrate before the LORD. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honour."

2 Samuel 6: 21,22

3) Call to Benediction Worship

And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD and distributed to all Israel, both men and women, to each a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Vs 2,3

"...all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10

"I want neither a terrorist spirituality that keeps me in a perpetual state of fright about being in right relationship with my heavenly Father nor a sappy spirituality that portrays God as such a benign teddy bear that there is no aberrant behavior or desire of mine that he will not condone. I want a relationship with the Abba of Jesus, who is infinitely compassionate with my brokenness and at the same time an awesome, incomprehensible, and unwieldy Mystery. "