

# Undignified Praise

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*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.*

2 Samuel 6:16 NKJV

The center of worship in Mount Zion was the Tabernacle of David. After becoming king, David had a great desire to bring the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem. The ark of the covenant was representative of God's presence among his people. It was above the ark that God's manifest presence dwelt.

During the days of Eli the priest the ark had been captured in battle by the Philistines. Weary by plagues brought on them by the ark's presence, the Philistines decided to send the ark back to the Hebrews. When the ark arrived it was placed in the house of Abinadab. Once David was king he attempted to bring the ark to Zion. His initial effort was halted when Uzzah was killed after putting out his hand to steady the ark on the cart on which it was being carried.

For three months the ark stayed in the home of Obededom until David could inquire of the Lord as to the proper way for the ark to be transported. When the day finally came for the ark to be brought to Jerusalem David, the elders, the captains, the high priests and Levites joined with singers and musicians and formed a processional.

Having placed the ark in the tabernacle he had erected for it, David returned home to bless his household. He was greeted by his wife Michal who 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!*

David replied, *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. And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. . . .* (2 Samuel 6:20-22)

David was not concerned about what those watching thought of his worship. His reputation was of no concern to him. He was shameless in the outward expressions of his passion for God. True worshipers should be just as undignified as David in their outward expressions of worship. Though they may choose to express their worship differently from David, they should be willing to be shameless and unconcerned about what others think.

Are you concerned about what others think of your outward expressions of worship? Are you willing to be shameless in your worship? Ask the Father to give you boldness to worship him with abandonment.

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**Scriptures for meditation:**

- Psalm 103:1
- Psalm 111:1
- Psalm 9:1