

# A Great Father of Eight

S.R. 2 Samuel 6:6 - 11

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## Introduction

- A. O' what a happy day it was!
  - 1. After 7 months in the hands of the Philistines and decades of waiting in Kiriath – Jearim (1 Sam. 7:2), in the home of Abinadab,
  - 2. David and his soldiers decided to carry the ark of the covenant to the newly established city of God – Jerusalem.
- B. There is music, there is singing, there is celebrating, there is dancing
  - 1. The sound of lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals could be heard all throughout the land! (2 Samuel 6:5)
  - 2. O' the joy! O' the SADNESS of that moment...
  - 3. In a split-second gladness turned to gloom as the oxen stumble, Uzzah reacts, the wrath of God is kindled and a man is left dead.
- C. Fear, terror, and horror fill the hearts of thirty-thousand men. (2 Sam. 6:1)
- D. King David is in shock:
  - 1. In 2 Samuel 6:8 the Bible says that he was **angry** because the Lord had broken out against Uzzah, and verse 9 continues to say that David was **afraid** of the Lord that day.
  - 2. And he says to himself, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?"
  - 3. How can I continue to transport this object of death and terror to the city of God? (cf. 1 Sam. 4 - 6)
- E. What was David's solution? It was: Leave the ark behind and continue on your journey.
  - 1. Where would he leave the ark?
  - 2. The Bible says in 2 Samuel 6:10... READ....
  - 3. Obed Edom, the Gittite

## I. Welcome God Into His House (2 Samuel 6:10 – 11)

- A. Could you imagine how this man, Obed-edom, the Gittite must have felt in this moment?
- B. He's sitting in the comfort and security of his home in the hills, right outside of Jerusalem, he hears music, dancing, celebration, and great shouts of joy, and all of a sudden, those shouts of joy turn into cries of despair.

## II. Rejoiced in the Lord (1 Chronicles 15:16-21 (18;21); 16:4)

- A. As the story continues, King David learns that God was blessing the household of Obed-edom because of the ark.
- B. And having heard this good news, David proceeds to take the ark out of Obed-edom's home and into the city of Jerusalem as he planned to do three months prior.
- C. Before the ark is transported, the Bible tells us in 1 Chronicles 15:16 that David commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers to play loudly on musical instruments and to raise sounds of joy as the ark is being carried into Jerusalem.
- D. Obed-edom was a man who Welcomed God into His House, he Rejoiced in the Lord, and third and finally, he **Guarded the Things of God**.

## III. Guarded the Things of God (1 Chronicles 15:24; 16:37-38)

- A. In 1 Chronicles 15:24, we learn, not only was Obed-edom a singer of Israel, but he was also a Gatekeeper for the ark.
- B. In chapter 16 just after David and his company sing songs of praise to the Lord, the text says in verse 37... READ....

## IV. Sons & Grandsons Were Able Men with Great Ability (1 Chronicles 26:4-8)

- A. In 2 Samuel 6:11, the Bible says the Lord blessed Obed-edom and his household.
- B. In 1 Chronicles chapter 26, the Bible gives us some insight into the household of Obed-edom
  - 1. By his life, by his example, and because of the decisions that he made, Obed-edom has gone down in history as a Great Father of Eight.
  - 2. All these *were* of the sons of Obed-Edom, they and their sons and their brethren, **able men with strength for the work**: sixty-two of Obed-Edom.

## V. So what?

- A. Today is Father's Day, and we are living in a world where there are more than 20 million children who live in a home without the physical presence of a father.
- B. Millions more have fathers who are physically present, but emotionally absent.
- C. If it were classified as a disease, fatherlessness would be an epidemic worthy of attention as a national emergency.
- D. In a world where 21 million children are born out of wedlock.
- E. In a world where child support checks have taken the place of time, love, and attention.
- F. In a world where gender roles are twisted and perverted.

- G. In a world where fewer and fewer men are even serving the Lord.
- H. In a world where men are no longer acting like men. (1 Cor. 16:13 – 14)
- I. Like Obed-edom, we need men, fathers, and grandfathers to step up to the plate and raise children who will become Able Men with Great Ability Who Are Serving the Lord by serving their family.

**VI. And so, the question we ask ourselves this morning is: How? How do I raise up a child of great ability who is qualified for the service of the Lord?**

- A. Look to the example of Obed-edom?
- B. We need men like Obed-edom who are willing to welcome God into their house...**
- C. He sheltered the ark of the covenant where the glory of the Lord rested between the cherubim.
  - 1. And for this reason, he and his household were blessed.
  - 2. Fathers, if you want to raise children who grow up to be able men and able women who are qualified for the Service of the Lord, then you must welcome God into your house.
- D. Well what do you mean by that Alan?
- E. What I mean is: When do your children hear you praising God?
- F. If we expect to raise sons and daughters of Nobility – children of the King who are dedicated servant of the Lord, then our attention, our devotion, and our concern for the things of God cannot, and must not remain within the confines of a church building.

**VII. Rejoice in the Lord (Psalm 34:1)**

- A. Obed-edom rejoiced in the Lord! He sang and he plucked his lyre as the ark was being transported out of his house and into the city of God.
- B. He was excited about the things of God. He was a man who sang praises to his Lord and rejoiced in the Lord.
- C. And when our children ask us, “Daddy why are you so excited?”
- D. This is why daddy rejoices, this is why daddy is so on fire, this is why daddy is so excited This is why daddy is always talking about the things of God, because God has been so good to me.
  - 1. The Psalmist says in Psalm 34:1, “I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise will always be on my lips.”
  - 2. It is vital that you have this mindset. Your children are watching you.
- E. And if they see you wallowing in your pity, dragging your feet, constantly complaining, and just doing enough spiritually to get by, (If that is possibly).

- F. Obed-edom raised eight sons, and sixty-two grandsons who were considered to be: Able Men of Great Ability Qualified for the service of the Lord, because he was a man who constantly rejoiced in his Lord.
- G. If we expect to raise sons and daughters who are useful in the Kingdom of God, then we too must be fathers and mothers who are constantly rejoicing in the Lord.
- H. But not only that, third and finally, if we wish to raise up children who are useful in the Kingdom of God, then we, like Obed-edom, must guard the things of God.

### **VIII. Guard the Things of God**

- A. Obed-edom set his heart to guard the things of God.
- B. Why? Because he loved the things of God. He respected the things of God.
- C. Fathers who will guard, protect, defend, and shield their children from anyone or anything that is a threat to their child's faith.
- D. When your child knows way more about politics, sports, and current events than he knows about the Kingdom of God—GUARD THE THINGS OF GOD.
- E. When your child begins to doubt the Lord, doubt Creation, and doubt the supremacy of Christ—GUARD THE THINGS OF GOD!
- F. GUARD THE THINGS OF GOD.
  - 1. In 1 Timothy 6:20, the apostle Paul wrote, "O Timothy! Guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called," knowledge" for by professing it, some have swerved from the faith."
- G. Don't play games with the world. Don't entertain the world. Don't get as close to sin as you can without going over—RESIST THE DEVIL! (James 4:7)
  - 1. If we see sports, video games, a teacher, a friend, or anyone and anything that is a potential threat to your child's spiritual well-being, GET RID OF IT.... Guard what has been entrusted to you.
  - 2. That child has been entrusted to you by the Lord, and it is your responsibility as a parent to do whatever you must do, to make sure that child gets back to the Lord.

### **IX. Conclusion**

- A. I am well aware of the fact that a lot of what I said this morning is easier said than done.
- B. But every principle is from the Word of God.
- C. Welcome God into your Home. Rejoice in the Lord. And Guard the Things of God....
- D. Let us Pray.