

“Long Live the King: Loving and Living for Glory”
2 Samuel 1:1-6:23

Loving God’s Glory (2 Samuel 1:1-27)

There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. (1 Samuel 2:2)

The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed. (1 Samuel 2:10)

- For David, God’s glory mattered more than the vindication of his own name.
 - David is exalted in God’s sight because God is exalted in David’s heart.
- Do we love God and desire His glory...
 - In our individual pursuits?
 - In our life together as a church?

Living for God’s Glory (2 Samuel 2:1-6:23)

- If God’s glory is central, our lives should be submitted to His authority. (2 Samuel 2:1-5:25)

And the king lamented for Abner, saying, “Should Abner die as a fool dies? Your hands were not bound; your feet were not fettered; as one falls before the wicked you have fallen.” And all the people wept again over him. Then all the people came to persuade David to eat bread while it was yet day. But David swore, saying, “God do so to me and more also, if I taste bread or anything else till the sun goes down!” And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them, as everything that the king did pleased all the people. So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it had not been the king’s will to put to death Abner the son of Ner. And the king said to his servants, “Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel? And I was gentle today, though anointed king. These men, the sons of Zeruiah, are more severe than I. The Lord repay the evildoer according to his wickedness!” (2 Samuel 3:33-39)

After this David inquired of the Lord, “Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?” And the Lord said to him, “Go up.” David said, “To which shall I go up?” And he said, “To Hebron.” (2 Samuel 2:1)

- Read the Word.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

- Listen to Godly wisdom.

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. (Proverbs 4:7)

- Pray and follow the leadership of the Spirit.

- If God's glory is central, our lives should be committed to God's praise. (2 Samuel 6:1-23)

We must ask the question, what was the ark doing on an oxcart in the first place? God was so strict about the holy things of the temple that the Kohathites were not even allowed to gaze upon the ark. This, too, was a capital crime. God had decreed that if a Kohathite merely glanced at the ark in the Holy of Holies for an instant that he would die. Not only was Uzzah forbidden to touch the ark, he was forbidden even to look at it.

He touched it anyway. He stretched out his hand and put it squarely on the ark, steadying it in place lest it fall to the ground. An act of holy heroism? No! It was an act of arrogance, a sin of presumption. Uzzah assumed that his hand was less polluted than the earth. But it wasn't the ground or the mud that would desecrate the ark; it was the touch of man. The earth is an obedient creature. It does what God tells it to do. (R.C. Sproul)

There are, doubtless, times to be calm, and times to be enthusiastic; but can it be right to give all our coldness to Christ and all our enthusiasm to the world? (W.G. Blaikie)