

2 Samuel 6: A Holy Home for a Holy God *Desiring the God who desires sinners*

I. Intro

- G A. God wants to live with men and women, boys and girls. He desires to enter our lives, homes, hearts to dwell with us.
 - E 1. Why make our world and ourselves? Garden of Eden, Fall > "I want to share your life and I want you to share mine."
 - E 2. In Exodus God made clearest statement of this desire. Tent palace w golden throne = AOC (copy/expression) 25:21
- B. And that's the phrase that greets us right at the beginning of this chapter (v. 2): "A holy home for a holy God."

II. Desiring God (vv. 1-2)

- A A. A Lost Ark
 - T 1. Ark not in J because Israel lost it through sin (liberty bell) but not just a patriotic symbol - they had lost God's throne
- D B. A Lost Desire
 - R 1. Recovery? Not bothered: Though God desired to live with them, they really had no desire to live with God.
 - E 2. But God continued to express his desire to live with the Israelites by chastising all the heathen w Ark
 - E 3. Abinadab of Kirjath-jearim. 20 plus years, about 7-8 miles NW of Jerus no one enquired after it (1 Chron 13:3).
 - E 4. Few if any desired God. What an indictment of Israel! God desired, God ensured, but no one wanted God to live
- D C. A Renewed Desire

- V 1. Vexed D (Ps 132) # His first thought after his enthronement was the enthronement of God (1 Chron. 13:1-4).
- G 2. He gathered 30,000 of the best men in Israel and marched to K - God stirring up in David and others desire for God
- G D. God's Story of Redemption
 - P 1. Ark was a picture promise of what God was going to do on an even bigger scale.
 - O 2. OT believers looked at the Ark and hoped for something more, closer, more accessible, personal, beautiful,
 - J 3. Jesus is the fulfillment of that picture promise; the satisfaction of that Old Testament faith and hope;
 - E 4. The ultimate, emphatic, and enthusiastic expression of God's desire to live with sinners (John 1:14).
- Y E. Your Story of Redemption

R 1. Respond to God's desire for you with desire for Him.

- I a. Many Israelites came to faith through believing the message of the Ark.
- L b. "Look, despite all that you are and all you have done, God desires to live with you.
- S c. He sits on a mercy-seat and promises to meet with you there through - > Desire for God
- G d. But Jesus said He was greater than the whole Temple (Matthew 12:6 Heb. 4:15)
- e. Respond to God's desire for you with desire for Him.

R 2. Re-ignite your desire for God by meditating on his desire for you.

- H a. How can you re-ignite desire? The same way that David and the Israelites did after decades of neglect.
- B b. Back to the Ark! Re-ignite your desire for God by reminding yourself of God's desire for you,

III. Disobeying God (vv. 3-5)

- G A. The Ark's homecoming was a great moment in Israel's history (numbers, aim, motive, zeal, joy, spanner)
 - U 1. Just before everyone makes Uzzah a hero, and thank God for his quick-thinking, God strikes him dead on the spot.
 - S 2. The procession stops, the instruments are silent, the choir is stunned, and the people are terrified. Why?
- D B. Despite the great... there had been a great sin by not obeying God's specific instructions
 - C 1. Covered (Num. 4:5,6); no human hand (Num. 4:15); on poles (Ex. 25:15) by Kohathites (Num. 7:9).
 - H 2. It was a holy throne and to be treated as such (rather than be treated like ord furniture on a cart). (1 Chron. 15:13)
 - C 3. David was usually careful (2 Sam. 5:19,23) but enthusiasm beat hi, and God reminds him laws are not optional.
- G C. God's Story of Redemption
 - T 1. Although he desires to live with us, it must be on His terms. Reflected on future divine plans > God remained God
 - E 2. God was encouraging them to desire Him, but not to disobey Him. Passion no sub for obed
- Y D. Your Story of Redemption
 - G 1. It's wonderful to desire God but may we ever remember that it's God we are desiring. (Passion & sincerity no sub)
 - D 2. Jesus dwells in believers by the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit can be grieved and quenched by our sin.

IV. Despising God (vv. 6-9)

- H A. David's reaction to this divine intervention was to go off in a huff, to crawl into a corner in a bad mood. "
 - P 1. Not "The place where we disobeyed God," but rather "The place of outburst against Uzzah."
 - A 2. Then his anger against God develops into a terror of God (v.9) Son/father respect > slave/master terror
 - B 3. Instead of blaming himself for his sin, he blames God for His harsh character. Drives from not to God
 - D 4. Despises chastening: does not agree with it, accept it, too much, and, for a time, he wants nothing to do with God.
- Y B. Your Story of Redemption
 - P 1. Does David's story sound like your story? Then God intervened in your life in a very painful way. "Perez-David
 - A 2. Pain > Anger, Fear: Well there's no point in even trying to serve this God. Imposs to please
 - C 3. How would you feel if you child reacted like this when you tried to correct him and change him for the better?
 - N 4. No good end to this. Sinful, self-defeating over-reaction to the disciplinary hand of your loving heavenly father.

V. Dwelling with God (vv. 10-11)

- A A. David's in an angry and fear-filled mood. But what to do with the Ark? > Obededom > Philistine > History
- H B 1. Nearest house? Immigrant's house? Part of the procession, and offered to house the Ark?
- B 2. True believer who had come to live in Israel with amazingly courageous faith > Knows so much > I'll take it
- E B. Experience minutes > But the time passes and he's still alive and his family > Blessing (v. 11, 12)
- S 1. Spiritual blessings > God was teaching them to meditate on the message of the Ark > Neighbors
- P 2. OE preached message and hope: Desire, mercy seat, future hope, more incredible, offer to Philistines
- H 3. My house is a little prophecy of the coming M-s person and work
- N C. News of the Lord's blessing spread and eventually reached David, rousing him out of his angry fear and motivating
- J 1. The blessing of this Gentile provoked him to holy jealousy (next week return)
- D 2. OE not just disappear from the biblical account. His name and his sons in the list of Temple porters (I Chron. 15:18).
- S 3. He and his family took up a position of lowly service in the Temple when the Ark was located there (ask him in h)
- G D. God's Story of Redemption
- P 1. God dwells with Philistines. God blesses Philistines who receive Him in faith.
- P 2. What a mini-picture of the great day when the offer of the Gospel would be sent out to all the nations.
- S 3. When Solomon built Temple he exclaimed? Will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Yes, greater with worst
- H 4. There's a place for Philistines in the heart of God and in the service of God (Rom. 11:14).
- Y E. Your Story of Redemption
- B 1. What a blessing awaits those who desire God and dwell with Him
- 2. What a blessing awaits our families when we step out in faith and courage to welcome God into our lives/homes.
- S 3. May you be enabled to share the Gospel w your family, pointing them to the mercy-seat where God dwells/forgives
- O 4. May God open your heart to receive Him in all His fullness – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.