

2 Samuel 6

“True Worship”

I. **What is true worship?**

A. Worship – reverent honor and homage paid to God.

1) “Refers to the **act** or **action** associated with attributing honor, reverence or worth to that which is considered to be divine...the ascription of worth or honor to the triune God.” – Holman’s Bible Dictionary

2) “... is regarded as the direct acknowledgment of God, His nature & attributes...by the outgoing of the heart in praise and thanksgiving or by deed done in such acknowledgement.” – Vine’s Expository Dictionary

a) Rom. 12:1; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17, 23.

B. It is **NOT** contingent upon:

1) **Location** – Gen. 22:5; Ex. 33:10; Josh. 5:13-15; 2 Chron. 7:1-3; Ps. 5:7; 122:1; 132:7; Matt. 2:11; Luke 2:20.

2) **Volume** – Joshua 6; 1 Samuel 1:8-15; 1 Chron. 13:8; 15:28; 16:37-43; 25:6-7; 2 Chron. 5:12-13; 7:6; 20:28; 29:25-30; 30:20-21; Ezra 3:8-13; Neh. 12:31, 43; **Ps. 95:1-2, 6; 98:4-6.**

3) **Music/Genre/Tradition** – 1 Chron. 13:8; Neh. 12:27; Eph. 5:19; **Ps. 150**

C. It **IS** contingent upon: **the heart** – **John 4:23-24**; Gen. 4:2-5; Acts 17:22-23; Luke 18:9-14; **2 Samuel 6**

II. **2 Samuel 6 – True Worship**

A. V.14 – David worshiped out a heart of joy.

B. V.16, 20 – significance of Michal’s identification

1) V.16 – despised (Heb. = disgust; disdain; contempt) David in her heart.

a) ***What caused Michal to despise her own husband? What causes anyone to despise their spouse?***

i) *Typically, it's something that builds over time, indicating there may have been something in Michal's heart well before she saw David dancing...*

ii) **Was there an element of jealousy or bitterness towards David b/c of what happened between him and Saul, Michal's dad, or her brother Jonathan – 1 Sam. 13:14; 15:28; 18:1-9; 1 Chron. 13:3?**

iii) **Had she become tainted with her father's hatred during the time she was separated from David – 1 Sam. 25:44?**

iv) *Was she not as passionate about serving God as David was??? Any time we don't share the same passion for something as someone else we deem their behavior towards those things as foolishness – 1 Cor. 2:14-16.*

C. V.17 – David worshiped out of a heart of obedience – Deut. 28:1-2; John 14:15.

D. V.17b-18 – David worshiped out of a heart of humility – Phil. 2:9-11; James 4:10.

E. V.19-20 – David worshiped out of a heart of gratitude – 1 Chron. 16:8-36.

F. V.21-22 – David worshiped out of a heart of sincerity.

1) V.21 – ***“It was before the Lord, who chose me instead of your father...”***

a) *Criticism many times is completely unrelated to the critique – Num. 12:1-2.*

b) *When we are tempted or feel justified in criticizing someone, esp. their worship style, prayerfully pause and ask God to reveal secondary issues as to why you feel that way.*

2) V.22 – You ain't seen nothing yet!

a) *David knew in his own heart why he worshiped God the way he did & no one was going to deter that enthusiasm:*

v.21 – ***“Therefore, I will play music before the Lord”.***

i) **Consider that just as offensive to God as insincere worship is the criticism of genuine worship...and the only one who knows the heart is God – 1 Sam. 16:7; 1 Chron. 29:17; John 7:24.**

b) The “*maidservants*” = the humble in heart; perceived & accepted David & his worship for what they truly were: adoration of God.

c) Michal misinterpreted it b/c she had a judgmental/bitter spirit & missed out on the blessing of worship b/c she was focused on someone else!!!

i) *Often times the reason certain worship is criticized/condemned isn't b/c there's an issue with the worship or the one worshiping, it's with the one doing the critiquing.*

G. V.23 – The Lord's response: barrenness

1) *God may not strike anyone physically barren, but a very real consequence of criticizing worship is spiritual barrenness: you'll never know the level of intimacy with God that David did!*