

Dancing King's

"..A man after my own heart." (Acts 13:22)

God saw something in David that no one else did. Not his father, his brothers nor did the prophet Samuel until God showed him. God saw a king in David that had not had a chance to come out yet.

In each situation, every experience in David's life he grew in wisdom and knowledge. God sees something in us also, he sees us as complete and is very comfortable calling us as we will be.

David wrote psalms that reflected his desire to be in God's presence and to know him. To really know him, David wanted to know God at a heart level.

In relation to this, we hear frightening words from Jesus (Matt 7:23) about people that will stand before him, having done some great things and he responds: *"Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"*

We want to be like David who daily and aggressively sought after God and to really know him. Then we will hear, "hey friend" and "well done good and faithful servant".

Randy talked about marriage working on the "manna principle" it all expires at midnight. We need to daily show our love to our spouse, so it is with our relationship with God...it's a continual quest! David said it best in Psalm 27:4:

*"One thing I ask from the LORD,
 this only do I seek:
 that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
 all the days of my life,
 to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
 and to seek him in his temple".*

You were made to be a worshiper; the question will be ,what will you give your attention and focus to. What or who is the object of your worship, we all worship something of great value.

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Our worship is more than just during our services, it’s what we do out there. What I treasure in my heart I will worship and what we worship we will serve and what we will serve will shape us into its image.

“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is”. (1 John 3:2)

Seven years of civil war is over, David has ascended to the throne:

“Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might,¹⁵ while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷ They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD.¹⁸ After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty.¹⁹ Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

²⁰ When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, “How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!”

²¹ David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD’s people Israel—I will celebrate before the LORD.²² I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor.”

²³ And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death”.

(2 Samuel 6:14-23)





The Ark teaches us:

- **The insurmountable gap between God and us.**

The Ark of the Covenant had been placed in a house for several years. David wanted the presence of God to be in Jerusalem and on display. While being transported on a trailer pulled by oxen, Uzzah reached up to steady the Ark and died. It again was placed in a house and God's blessing was on that home.

“How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?”

- **God's provision through the Blood of Jesus is enough to provide for the gap.**

David was very angry with God, but eventually realized that the Ark was to be carried on the shoulders of people. This time they transported the Ark properly, walking a short distance then making a sacrifice, etc. It was a “bloody trail” to God's presence, this may repulse us today but it points to something very important in **Hebrews 10:19**:

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus”

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

- **The realization of our need and God's provision for that need releases us into a life of joy and celebration before Him.**

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David took off his kingly robes; he stripped himself of his position.

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His wife Michal (Saul’s daughter) watched this from her window and despised David. David was willing to look foolish for the Lord. He knew who he was before he put the robes on, he was a man who loved and worshipped God.

Michal on the other hand was raised in the palace where image was everything...she was basically saying, “you’re embarrassing me”. David was a forerunner for John the Baptist in that he was willing to decrease while God increased.

“I am willing to act like a fool in order to show my joy in the Lord. Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this.” **(NLT)**

In worship we disrobe before God exposing the real me no lies or deceit. We come before him open and honest.

When we hear the music, we can’t help but worship, we were born to worship. Michal didn’t understand God’s love, mercy and salvation; if she did she would have been dancing also!

When we as a local church lose our heart for worship, we begin to die, like Michal we become barren. But when his presence is with us and we worship:

“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”
(2 Corinthians 3:18)

Discussion Questions

- 1) On page 1 of your notes please discuss these topics: How God saw something in David that no one else could see. He also saw him as a king that was decades before it would materialize. But don’t stop there, it is the same for us, God sees us through the same eyes.
- 2) Also on page 1 of your notes we learn that David desired to be in the presence of God and to grow in the knowledge of him at a heart level. We know that we’re not only referring to an intellectual knowledge,

presence of God and to grow in the knowledge of him at a heart level. We know that we're not only referring to an intellectual knowledge, so what does it mean to you to really know God? Additionally what is it for you to be in God's presence?

- 3) On the top of page 2 of your notes we learn that we were born to be a worshiper. How does your attention and focus come into play as well as the object of your worship? Also discuss the dynamic of what we worship we will serve and it will eventually shape us. (1 John 3:2)
- 4) At the bottom of page 3 we see that the Ark teaches us that there is an insurmountable gap between God and us. But as we continue to look on page 4, we see that God's provision through the blood of Jesus is enough to provide for the gap. Please review your notes and read the above scriptures in Hebrews 10 and 11 and discuss what it means to you?
- 5) Our last question looks at our realization of our need and God's provision and it "releases us into a life of joy and celebration before Him". Look again at our passage in 2 Samuel and David's celebration. Are we willing to take off whatever robes we have on (figuratively speaking) and come into his presence with no lies no deceit, no pretense? Also Randy suggested that if we as a local church (or as God's people) lose our heart for worship, we begin to die (like Michal we become barren) what does this mean to you?