



What a Party!

“Celebrating God with *Rejoicing*”
2 Samuel 6:12-23

Question: What comes immediately to your mind when you think about God?

“What comes to your mind when you think about God is the most important thing about _____.” A. W. Tozer

Philistine Raiders of the Lost Ark: The Ark had been taken from Jerusalem.

Question: What is the essence of “good” for you? Or, I am “livin the dream when...”

David *recognized* the blessing of being near to God. (v. 12+ and Ps 73:28)

- **Key Issue:** In the conscious presence of God...we see the towering blessings of God and experience His joy.

David *related* to God with a singular focus of drawing near in fellowship. (vv. 14-17)

- **Key Issue:** In drawing near to the Lord and worshiping before the Lord...we experience great companionship with God.

David *responded* to God with whole-hearted celebration. (vv. 12, 14-16, 21)

- **Key Issue:** When we worship “before the Lord” as the audience of One...we can worship with a whole heart.

Core Truth: David’s response to being near God...was whole-hearted and joyful celebration in worship before God.

Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

Core Truth: David’s response to being near God...was whole-hearted and joyful celebration in worship before God.

It is recognizing the nearness of God that leads to whole-hearted and joyful celebration.

Please read: 2 Samuel 6:12-23 each day.

- **Today.** What is the essence of “good” for you? What would it look like for you to be truly “livin the dream!”? Please read Psalm 73:28. What did the psalmist define as “livin the dream!”?
- **Monday.** Please read Psalm 27:8. What was the psalmist’s heart response to the command of God here? What motivated that response? What does this mean for your own relationship with God?
- **Tuesday.** In 2 Samuel 6:12-23 why does David have so much gladness and rejoicing? How could you have this gladness and rejoicing too?
- **Wednesday.** In 2 Samuel 6:12-23 what are the various acts of worship that David preformed? Did he sing? What is the application for your personal worship?
- **Thursday.** Please read Psalm 68. Many scholars believe that Psalm 68 was written at the time of David’s joyful retrieval of the Ark of God. List all the verses that make reference to the nearness of God, the consciousness of the presence of God. What are the applications for you personally?
- **Friday.** Please read Psalm 132. Many scholars believe that this event of retrieving the Ark was reenacted each year and that Psalm 132 was the liturgy for that reenactment. Where do you see evidence in this Psalm about the presence of God being associated with the Ark and with Jerusalem? What are the applications for you personally?
- **Saturday.** Please read 1 Samuel 3:1-21 and reflect on the event and the meaning of the event. This passage is our focus for tomorrow morning.

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