

Title: With all our heart
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The presence was not experienced

1 Samuel 7:1-2 ¹ and the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated his son Eleazar to have charge of the ark of the LORD. ² From the day that the ark was lodged at Kiriath-jearim, a long time passed, some twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

David desired the presence of the LORD

1 Chronicles 13:2-4 ² And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you and from the LORD our God ..." ³ then let us bring again the ark of our God to us, for we did not seek it in the days of Saul." ⁴ All the assembly agreed to do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

David's intentions was good

1 Chronicles 13:7-9 ⁷ and they carried the ark of God on a new cart, from the house of Abinadab, and Uzzah and Ahio were driving the cart. ⁸ And David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all their might, with song and lyres and harps and tambourines and cymbals and trumpets. ⁹ And when they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzzah put out his hand to take hold of the ark, for the oxen stumbled.

Uzzah was familiar with the presence

1 Chronicles 13:10-11 ¹⁰ and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he put out his hand to the ark, and he died there before God. ¹¹ And David was angry because the LORD had broken out against Uzzah...

The fear of the LORD

1 Chronicles 13:12, 14 ¹² And David was afraid of God that day, and he said, "How can I bring the ark of God home to me?" ¹⁴ And the ark of God remained with the household of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that he had

David now seeks God according to the rules

1 Chronicles 15:12-15 ¹² and said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites. Consecrate yourselves, you and your brothers, so that you may bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it." ¹³ Because you did not carry it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not seek him according to the rule." ¹⁴ So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel. ¹⁵ And the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

David appointed musicians

1 Chronicles 15:16 David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brothers as the singers who should play loudly on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

They worshipped God

1 Chronicles 15:26-28 ²⁶ and because God helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. ²⁷ David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as also were all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers and Chenaniah the leader of the music of the singers. And David wore a linen ephod. ²⁸ So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, to the sound of the horn, trumpets, and cymbals, and made loud music on harps and lyres.

Be expressive before the Lord

2 Samuel 6:14-15 ¹⁴ And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

Do not despise worshippers

2 Samuel 6:16 As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.

The house of the Lord

1 Chronicles 16:4 Then he appointed some of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the LORD, to invoke, to thank, and to praise the LORD, the God of Israel.

We enter His presence with singing

1 Chronicles 16:7 then on that day David first appointed that thanksgiving be sung to the LORD by Asaph and his brothers.

Example of thanksgiving and praise

Ps1 Chronicles 16:8-12 ⁸ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! ⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! ¹⁰ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! ¹¹ Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! ¹² Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

Great is the Lord

1 Chronicles 16:23-25 ²³ Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. ²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples! ²⁵ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods.

God desire worshippers

1 Chronicles 16:29-31 ²⁹ ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendour of holiness; 30 trembles before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. ³¹ Let the heavens are glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

Then all the people said AMEN!

1 Chronicles 16:34-36 ³⁴ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! ³⁵ Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise." ³⁶ blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!" Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

David desired the Lord's presence

Psalms 51:11-12 ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.