

One Man Dead, Another Man Dancing: The Heart of Worship

Then David again gathered all the elite troops in Israel, 30,000 in all. He led them to Baalah of Judah to bring back the Ark of God, which bears the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies, who is enthroned between the cherubim.



They placed the Ark of God on a new cart and brought it from Abinadab's house, which was on a hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were guiding the cart that carried the Ark of God. Ahio walked in front of the Ark. David and all the people of Israel were celebrating before the LORD, singing songs and playing all kinds of musical instruments—lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals.

But when they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out his hand and steadied the Ark of God. Then the LORD's anger was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him dead because of this. So Uzzah died right there beside the Ark of God.

David was angry because the LORD's anger had burst out against Uzzah. He named that place Perez-uzzah (which means "to burst out against Uzzah"), as it is still called today.

David was now afraid of the LORD, and he asked, "How can I ever bring the Ark of the LORD back into my care?" So David decided not to move the Ark of the LORD into the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-edom of Gath. The Ark of the LORD remained there in Obed-edom's house for three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and his entire household. (2 Samuel 6:1-15, NLT)

Then King David was told, "The LORD has blessed Obed-edom's household and everything he has because of the Ark of God." So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration. After the men who were carrying the Ark of the LORD had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. (2 Samuel 6:1-15, NLT)

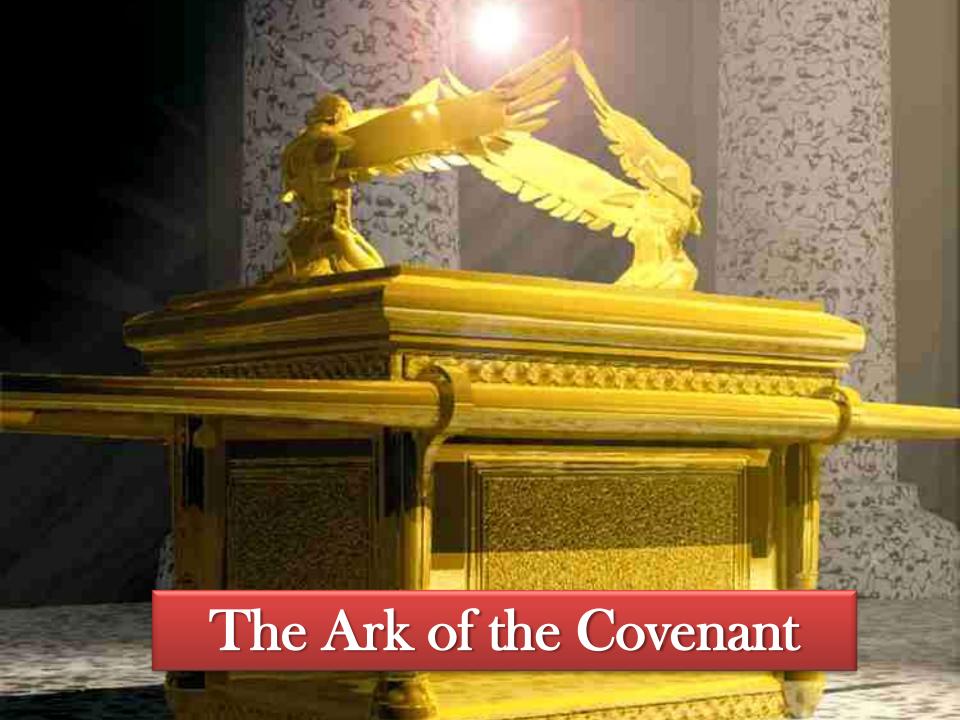
And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the LORD with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.

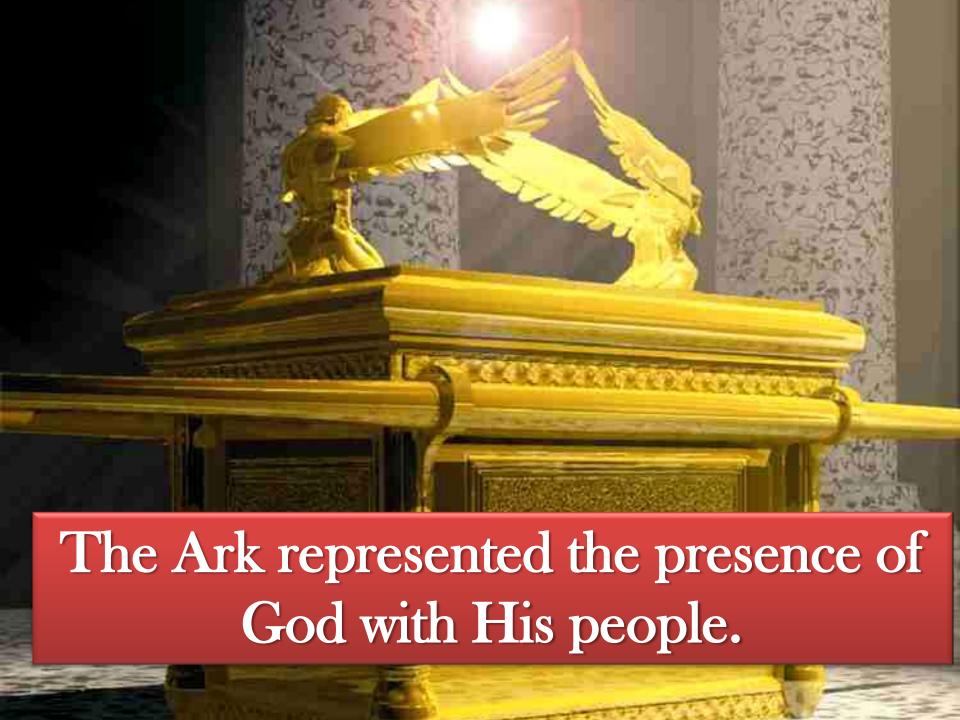




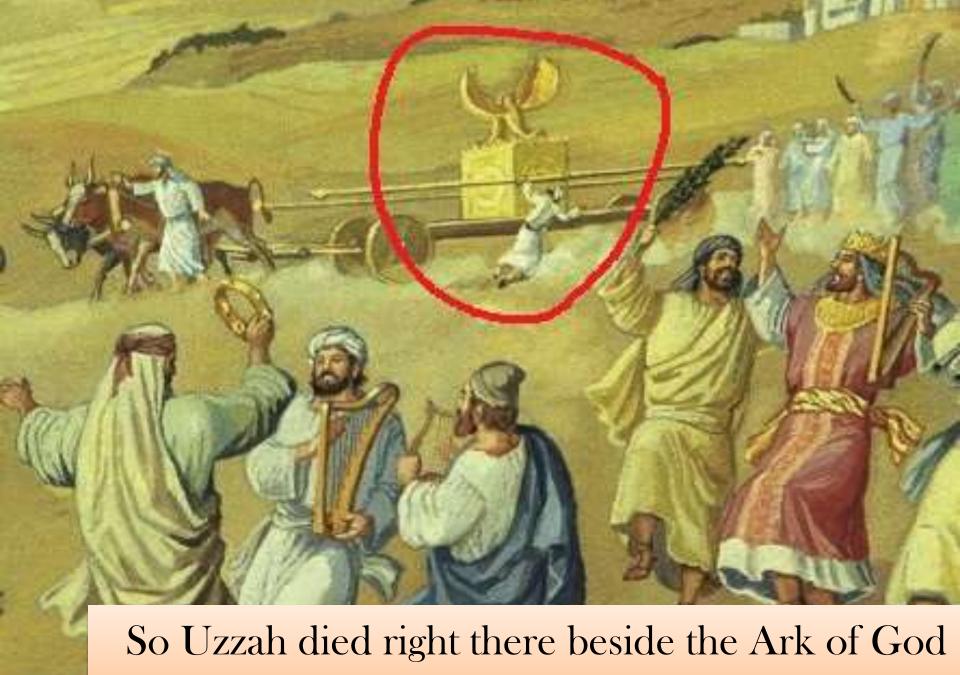
DAVID BRINGING THE ARK TO JERUSALEM.



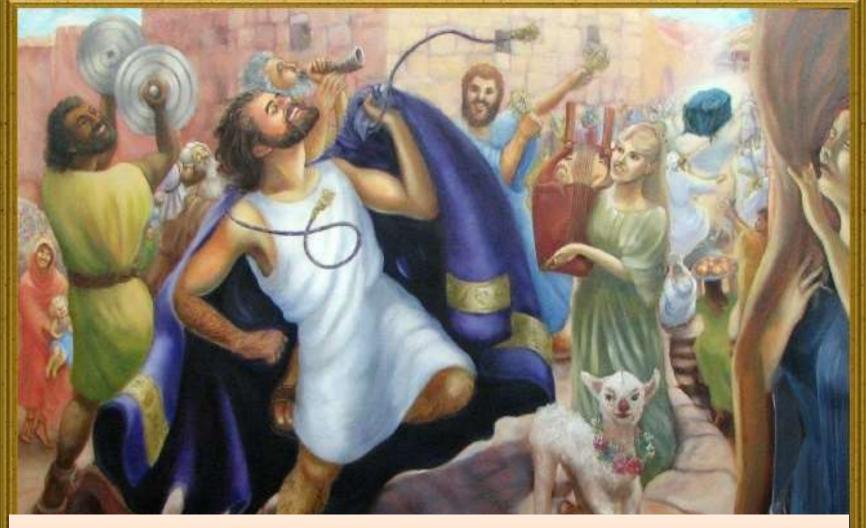








(2 Samuel 6:7)



David danced before the LORD with all his might.

(2 Samuel 6:14)

What Do They Teach Us About the Presence of God?

"How can the ark of the Lord come to me?"

(2 Samuel 6:9)

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- ✓ Churches ask "How can the presence of God fill our public worship?"

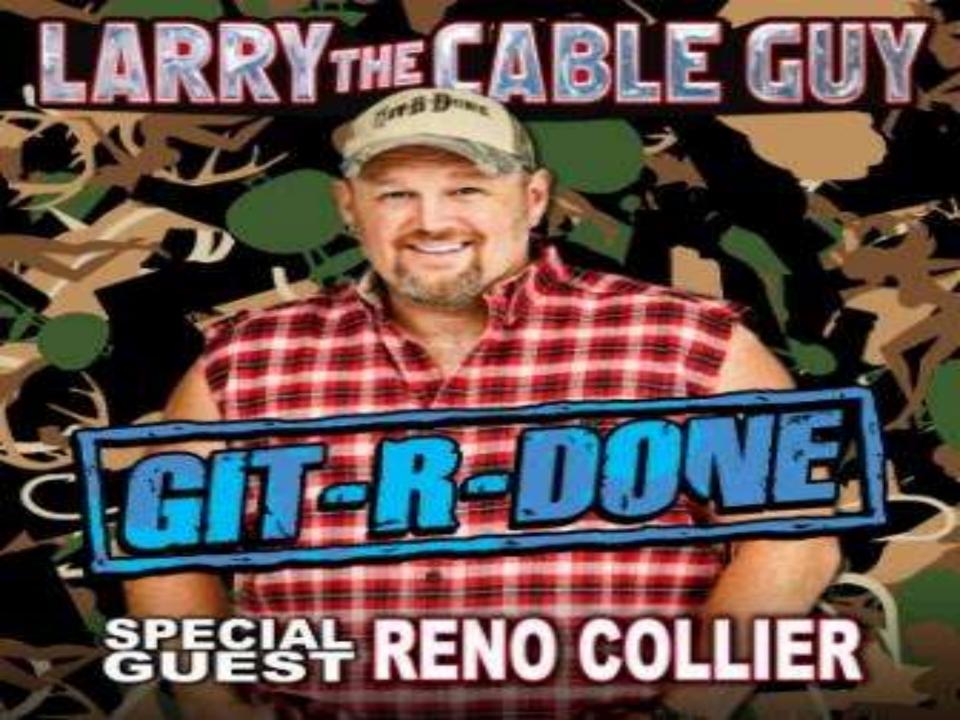
How Can the Presence of God Come to Us?





"The Kohathites will come and carry these things to the next destination. But they must not touch the sacred objects, or they will die.... they were required to carry the sacred objects of the Tabernacle on their shoulders" (Numbers 4:15: 19. NLT)

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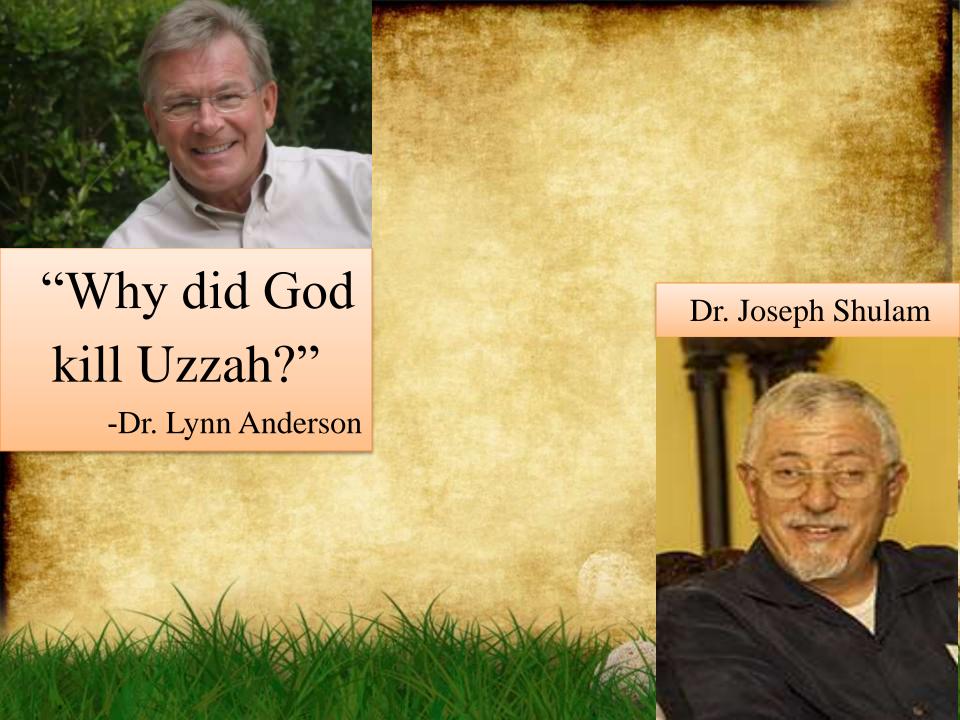


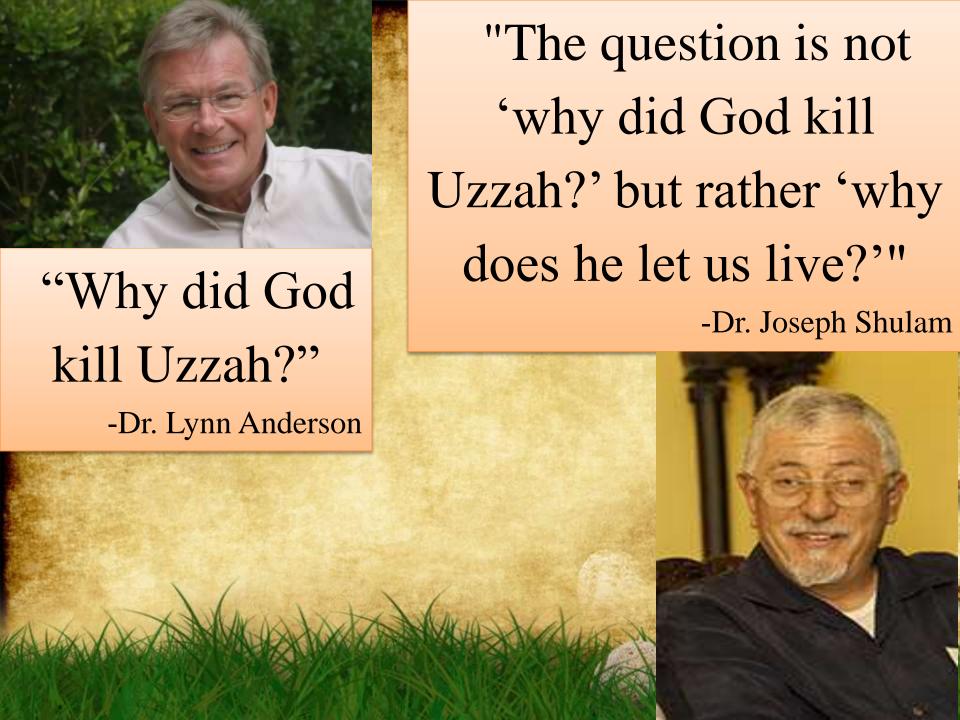
"The Lord's anger burned,"

(2 Samuel 6:7)

2. God Comes on His Own Terms







God shows up, but He comes on his own terms.

He comes where there is love, obedience, sacrifice & relationship.



"...angry because the LORD had punished Uzzah in his anger,"

(1 Chron. 13:11, NCV)



"special poles to carry the Ark of God on their shoulders, as Moses had commanded, just as the LORD had said they should," (1 Chron. 15:15, NCV)

"And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep"

(2 Sam. 6:13, NKJV)

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"I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.

(Matthew 18:3)

God's Greatest Gift is Himself!

David blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. Then he gave a gift of food to every man and woman in Israel: a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins.

(2 Sam. 6:18-19 NLT)

3. God's Presence Gives Us Reason to Celebrate

The Heart of Worship

