

1 Chronicles 15 – King David – The Ark of God Moved to Jerusalem

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Grace Greater Than Our Sin – Julia Johnson – sung Bob Kauflin

1. *Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.*

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's, grace that is greater than all our sin!

2. *Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today. (Refrain)*

3. *Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe! All who are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? (Refrain)*

1 Chronicles 15 – The Ark of God is Brought to Jerusalem the Right Way – God's Way!

Chapters 13–16 are devoted to David and the ark—that is, of his bringing the ark up to Jerusalem to the place he had chosen. This is quite interesting in view of the fact that these chapters could be giving us a report of the business of the state, some of the many decisions that David made. There is a lesson in this for us. It helps us to see what is the important matter in the sight of God. We should learn from this attention to the moving of the ark that God is interested in the worship of His people. The ark was the very heart and center of the worship for Israel. This is where God puts the emphasis. The important thing for us is to have a place where we can receive mercy from God. As we have seen, David attempted to bring the ark to Jerusalem. Although that was the proper thing to do, he did it in the wrong way. Not only had David chosen Jerusalem as the place for the ark, but God had chosen that same place. So it was important that the ark be brought to Jerusalem. The problem was that David tried to do it in the wrong way. God had given instructions in the Book of Numbers that the ark was to be carried on the shoulders of the Kohathites of the tribe of Levi. There could not be an easier way or any kind of short-cut method used.

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

1Ch 15:1 David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.

1Ch 15:2 Then David said, "No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever."

1Ch 15:3 And David gathered all Israel together at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD to its place, which he had prepared for it.

1Ch 15:4 Then David assembled the children of Aaron and the Levites:

1Ch 15:5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and one hundred and twenty of his brethren;

1Ch 15:6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and two hundred and twenty of his brethren;

1Ch 15:7 of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, and one hundred and thirty of his brethren;

1Ch 15:8 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and two hundred of his brethren;

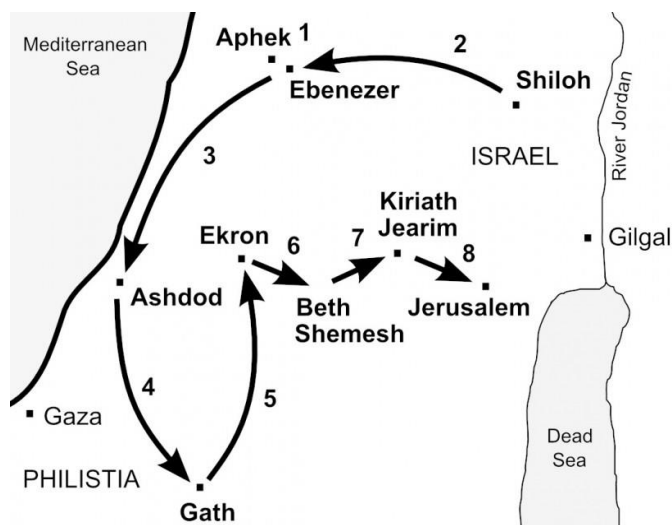
1Ch 15:9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and eighty of his brethren;

1Ch 15:10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and one hundred and twelve of his brethren. (862 total)

1Ch 15:11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites: for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.

1Ch 15:12 He said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it.

1Ch 15:13 For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not



consult Him about the proper order."

1Ch 15:14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

1Ch 15:15 And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

1Ch 15:16 Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers accompanied by instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, by raising the voice with resounding joy.

1Ch 15:17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of their brethren, the sons of Merari, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;

1Ch 15:18 and with them their brethren of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers;

1Ch 15:19 the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were to sound the cymbals of bronze;

1Ch 15:20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with strings according to Alamoth;

1Ch 15:21 Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, to direct with harps on the Sheminith;

1Ch 15:22 Chenaniah, leader of the Levites, was instructor in charge of the music, because he was skillful;

1Ch 15:23 Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark;

1Ch 15:24 Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the ark of God; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah, doorkeepers for the ark.

1Ch 15:25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-Edom with joy.

1Ch 15:26 And so it was, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams.

1Ch 15:27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master with the singers. David also wore a linen ephod.

1Ch 15:28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.

1Ch 15:29 And it happened, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the City of David, that Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David whirling and playing music; and she despised him in her heart.

SUMMARY:

- If you don't succeed – try and try again! Don't quit! But do according to God's Word, working through the humiliation and discouragement of previous failure!
- David's greatest day? Bringing the Ark (God) into unified Israel, decently, orderly with great worship"!
- King David likely would have given up his being a prophet and a king, to be a priest -worshipping God continually! How high is our priority on worshipping Him!
- V. 22 "*skillful*" We are to take our ministry as far as our skillfulness and gifting with go! No sloth!
- V. 26 "*and God helped the Levites*" It's so important to be doing His work His way, getting His help!
- Note Michal's tragic scorning of David and his love for the Lord! Barren and fruitless. Great lesson here for us! May we not be destroyed by others' scorn and to be careful in not doing ourselves.

BLESSED ASSURANCE – Fanny Crosby -Tom Fettke

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,

Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain 2X)

This is my story.....This is my song!

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