

Introduction: Why David's Tabernacle Matters

- David's life was marked by **deep worship and desire for God's presence** (1 Sam 13:14).
- When he became king, one of his first major acts was bringing the **Ark of the Covenant** back to Jerusalem (2 Saml 6:1–2).
- The New Testament Church is modeled after **David's Tabernacle**—not Moses', Solomon's, or Herod's (Acts 15:16; Amos 9:11–12).
- Understanding David's Tabernacle helps us live out **intimate, authentic, accessible worship** today and empowers us to do great things for God.

Point 1: David's Pursuit of God's Presence

- David's desire to honor God led him to retrieve the Ark, the symbol of God's presence (2 Samuel 6:3–5).
- Mistaken handling led to Uzzah's death and a pause in the plan (v. 6–7).
- Obed-Edom's house was **blessed** while hosting the Ark (v. 11–12), showing the power and favor of God's presence.

Point 2: Undignified, Wholehearted Worship

- David brought the Ark with reverence and **exuberant worship**, dancing with all his might (2 Samuel 6:14–15).
- He faced criticism from Michal but responded: “I will be even more undignified” (v. 21–22).
- Key worship words in Psalms show depth and nature of their worship:
 - **Hallel** (clamorous praise), **Yadah** (lifted hands), **Zamar** (music), **Barak** (kneeling)

Point 3: A Model for Worship and Church Today

- David introduced full-time musical worship: 288 musicians initially (1 Chronicles 25:1), 4,000 by Solomon's reign (1 Chronicles 23:5).
- His tabernacle had **no veil, no separation**, open access for all to God's presence (1 Chronicles 16:1–6).
- Acts 15 confirms the Church is patterned after David's model—**praise, access, and presence**, not ritual and sacrifice.
- Worship was also prophetic: they **prophesied with instruments** (1 Chronicles 25:1–3).

Conclusion & Life Applications

- **We are now the Tabernacle of David**—with direct, bold access to God through Jesus (Hebrews 10:19–22).
- **Praise is our sacrifice** today (Hebrews 13:15), our **strength** (Psa 18:2–3), and it is **central** to our identity and mission. Embrace heartfelt, unrestrained worship.
- **God inhabits our praise** (Psalm 22:3) and draws others through it (Isaiah 60:3).

Questions

1. What does it mean to you that we now have direct access to God, like in David's tabernacle?
2. How do you feel about the idea of being “undignified” or expressive in worship—like David?
3. What can we learn from Obed-Edom's response to the Ark being in his home?
4. Is praise your source of strength as it was for David? (Psa 18:2–3)