

CONFLICT WITH GOD

Text: 2 Samuel 6

Key Verse: 2 Samuel 6:8 (MEV)

⁸ David became angry because of the outburst of the LORD against Uzzah; that place is called Perez Uzzah to this day.

OUR WORLD IS FULL OF ANGRY PEOPLE:

1. One Classified Ad: Wedding dress for sale, never worn, will trade for .38 caliber pistol
2. Thomas Jefferson wrote, *When angry count to ten, if very angry count to one hundred.*
3. Mark Twain said, *When angry count to four, if very angry swear.*

Some people use picket signs, others argue their political view, some shout slurs, use obscene hand gestures, while others stand defiantly silent

What are they so angry about?

- A bitter man whose wife died of cancer accused God of insensitivity. “God isn’t worth a plug nickel to me. Where was He when I needed Him?”
- A woman was angry because of the abuse she had suffered as a child. “God wasn’t there when I needed Him; why should I expect Him to be there for me now?”
- God’s silence in the midst of human suffering prompted one angry skeptic to remark, “If God exists, He must be the devil!”

People blame God for being: absent - indifferent - silent

Edwin W. Lutzer describes this faulty logic...

“No matter what explanation we have for the evil in the world; behind starvation, crime, abuse and pain, is a God who watches and does not intervene.” Is He not the ultimate, cause the one Being in the universe who could put an end to this madness?



DAVID WAS ANGRY WITH GOD ... but Our account begins with his success

2 Samuel 5: 10 “David became greater and greater because God was with him.”

- Finally king of a united Israel.

- He took back the city of Jerusalem from the Jebusites and made it the nation's capital.
- Jerusalem became known as the *City of David*

But David wasn't satisfied, he wanted to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem.

The Ark was a mysterious representation of God's throne in Heaven

It was never to be separated from the tent or tabernacle but that's exactly what happened!

Someone had the same idea to take it into battle! The Israeli army was defeated and the Ark captured

TRANSPORTING THE ARK

2 Samuel 6: 1, 2 (MSG)

¹⁻² David mustered the pick of the troops of Israel—thirty divisions of them. Together with his soldiers, David headed for Baalah to recover the Chest of God, which was called by the Name God-of-the-Angel-Armies, who was enthroned over the pair of angels on the Chest.

A big Deal ... Thousands came out to watch the parade on its way to Jerusalem

Something went wrong

³⁻⁷ They placed the Chest of God on a brand-new oxcart and removed it from Abinadab's house on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were driving the new cart loaded with the Chest of God, Ahio in the lead and Uzzah alongside the Chest. David and the whole company of Israel were in the parade, singing at the top of their lungs and playing mandolins, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals. When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, so Uzzah reached out and grabbed the Chest of God. God blazed in anger against Uzzah and struck him hard because he had profaned the Chest. Uzzah died on the spot, right alongside the Chest.

⁸⁻¹¹ Then David got angry because of God's deadly outburst against Uzzah. That place is still called Perez Uzzah (The-Explosion-Against-Uzzah).

☆ Air went out of the balloon –

The cart carrying the chest hit a pot hole, that was about to upset the cart. **Uzzah** whose job was to walk alongside the cart, put his hand on the chest to steady it and was struck dead instantly.

David is stunned! Has two reactions - Anger then Fear

David became fearful of God that day and said, "This Chest is too hot to handle. How can I ever get it back to the City of David?" He refused to take the Chest of God a step farther. Instead, David removed it off the road and to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. The Chest of God stayed at the house of Obed-Edom for three months and God prospered Obed ... and his entire household.

David is shocked, confused and embarrassed

Make no mistake - God's wanted David to do this but if that's so what went wrong?

There are times when we try our best to do everything right but things still go wrong –

Our gut reaction is often to ask ... WHY GOD?

Ann Voskamp writes:

The terrible danger isn't so much not believing in God but believing terrible things about God.

Three year old Jordyn Grace clung to her mama while the water's rose in Houston, while they were swept away in a parking lot, swept down a swirling canal swept into the monstrous terror of Harvey. When they found shivering Jordyn Grace bobbing on the waters, held by her lifeless mama, she whispered, "Mama was saying her prayer."

What if we saw that God answered every one of our prayers by giving us more of Himself?

What if suffering didn't leave us questioning God – but left us seeing that God is always the answer?

DAVID'S ANGER SOLVED NOTHING!

He ignored the Ark of God - which represented the very presence of God for three months, while it sat in the home of Obed-Edom.

Something wonderful happens to Obed –Edom's home and family, which helped to open David's eyes - GOD was prospering Obed!

His grape vines, livestock, harvest bountiful were bursting at the seams – incredibly blessed

Obed who didn't want the chest, now, doesn't want to give it up. David who pushed it on Obed, now wants it back!

12-16 It was reported to King David that God had prospered Obed-Edom and his entire household because of the Chest of God. So David thought, "I'll get that blessing for myself," and went and

brought up the Chest of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David, celebrating extravagantly all the way, with frequent sacrifices of choice bulls.

When David's heart changed he did his homework – he discovered Moses teachings in Numbers

- The Ark was never to be touched and covered when transported so it would not be seen
- If moved, it was to be carried on the shoulders of the priests by the poles that went through the rings designed for that purpose

God holds us responsible!

He instructs us to read and meditate on His Word [Joshua 1: 7-9](#) (NIV)

⁷“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged**, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Compare that to Jesus' words [John 15:5](#) (NIV)

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Personal ... On Thursday Jen and I took our grandson Ethan to Smith Haven park –

We used gym equipment, fed the ducks, checked out the row boats had a great afternoon. On our way out we spied a woman and child walking two dogs one with only three legs. Ethan who has a great heart was concerned for that animal ... *Is he going to be alright?*

God is concerned for animals and people alike

Amazingly He use people get the job done. I wondered what it was in that woman's past that gave her the heart to rescue that ragged undernourished three legged dog.

God wants us to reach out to rescue others who are suffering who need help – He wants to minister to their needs through us ... to give hope and life.

L. I. Hurricane Sandy Survivor Tim Kramer and his wife Christina filled 5 trucks with supplies to send to Texas to help victims of Hurricane Harvey



Tim said to himself, *I going to do something to help* – organized a food drive in his community volunteers filled 5 trucks with nonperishable's and supplies that were sent to Texas

These were Long Beach residents who had been through the devastation of Hurricane Sandy

I'm convinced that the problems and suffering we experience are not just part of life ... they're for a greater purpose.

God knows you, designed you. He knows what you've been through and wants to use your confusion and anger to empower you - not just for your benefit but bringing life and hope to others struggling with similar trouble.

People that only you can reach...

Close in prayer