

David 7 – The Ark but No Temple

1. Now roughly half way through our progress of David's life. Lets recap key points to get here
 1. David anointed by Samuel as King
 2. David killed Goliath
 3. For a short while David second in the kingdom and becomes musician for Saul
 4. Saul sees him as a threat – David flees Royal court after having spear thrown at him
 5. Several near escapes for David, and has the opportunity to kill Saul but does not take it up
 6. Saul is killed by the Philistines in a battle
 7. David becomes King of Judah in 1010BC
 8. Civil war results between Judah and Israel
 9. David becomes king over all Israel in 1003BC
 10. Jerusalem becomes the capital city

2. Different commentators have a different view point on this next part of the story and maybe we come to our own conclusion at the end, but we need to think
 1. What is missing from the description of what happens
 2. What are David's motives for doing this
 3. 2 Samuel 6 1-5 – Q What were the celebrations focused on? God or the activity that they were carrying out
 4. 6-11 Q What do we think about Uzzah's death? Q Why was David angry?
 5. Putting the Ark in the new Capital city would mean that God is supporting David and is at the centre of things
 6. They were not following Gods instructions going there own way..

3. Try again
 1. 1 Samuel 6 v12 part a
 2. 1 Chronicles 15 1-28
 3. 1 Samuel 6 v12 part b-15
 4. Q Do we think sacrificing an oxen every 6 steps excessive? Q Why do we think they were asked to do that?

4. The Ark finally gets to Jerusalem
 1. 2 Samuel 6 16-19

2. Q How does the wild unplanned celebrations compare to the structured well planned ceremonies we often see on TV for grand services? Which do we think is correct?
3. 2 Samuel 6 20-23
4. Q What was Michal's problem?– More concerned with what people will think rather than God. - Worship needs to be wholehearted.
5. How can we make our worship wholehearted?
5. Psalm 24 It is suggested that this was written when the Ark returned to Jerusalem
 1. 1-2 – God Owns everything
 2. 2-6 – The Ark is Holy
 3. 7-10 - Carrying the ark through the gates – very symbolic
6. Time moves on and David has another seemingly good idea
 1. 2 Samuel 7 1-2
 2. 1 Chronicles 17 3- 5
 3. 2 Samuel 7 4-7;8-11;12-17
 4. Q What does God say he will do for David? - Build house out of David's family.
 5. Q How do we know if our “so called good ideas” are correct?
7. David's reply
 1. 2 Samuel 7 v18 part a Q How often do we charge off doing something when things don't go our way rather than do what David did?
 2. 2 Samuel 7 v18 part b-21; 22-26;27-29
 3. Q What is David asking God to do?
8. But David does not fully forget about the ideas for a temple
 1. 1 Chronicles 22 1-5 Q Was this the correct thing to do?
9. End Challenge – We had one last time - how do we cope with our enemies? - This time it is - What do we do when our plans don't initially work out – where does God fit in?