



DGM Message Summary: Getting Your Joy Back

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When God's presence is at the center, everything else seems to have a way of coming together. True joy comes from knowing who God really is and obeying His commands. If we are obedient to God, we will experience a joy that is hard to explain.

Scriptural References (NKJV):

- 2 Samuel 6:1
- Proverbs 19:3
- 2 Samuel 6:12

Key Points:

- In a troubled world, peace only comes through strength. When God's presence is at the center, everything else seems to have a way of coming together.
- We may be small, but the size of the God we represent matters.

2 Samuel 6:1

- The ark of the covenant belonged to God. So, they set the ark on a new cart.
- However, it was contrary to God's directions. They were supposed to personally carry it not cart it.
- God initially stayed calm.
 - The men made mistakes, but God received their praise/worship.
- They shall not touch it (the Ark), lest they die.
 - The warmth of God's presence can make us forget He's holy.
 - God will be our friend, but He is nobody's fool.
 - Don't confuse God's kindness with weakness.
- They pushed the envelope & continued to disobey God's instructions.
 - When you know better, God expects better.
 - God gives life & has the right & capacity to recall it.
- Uzzah disobeyed and fell dead.
- David became angry because of God's outburst against Uzzah.
 - Somebody chose to walk too close to the edge.
 - David was afraid of the Lord that day.
 - God had to check even David's attitude about His holiness. He had to check David from taking His word too lightly.

- If God remains lax we could hurt ourselves worse down the line. He must discipline us so we can take him seriously.
- God was completely clear – so it wasn't unjust.

Proverbs 19:3

- A person's own folly leads to their ruin, yet their heart rages against the Lord.
- "An error made over & over again is not a mistake, it's a decision."
 - People get mad at the Lord even though they are the ones making dumb choices.
- When God is tough it's because we made Him do that.
 - We make God who we need him to be.
 - He can be nice when we need him to be nice.
 - You need to respect God's presence & anointing.
 - God's success is my success. Don't take it for granted.
 - Even though He is near, keep the distance of respectfulness to the covenant.
 - Like a parent to children, God is nice until you need discipline.
- God wants to bless us even more than we want to be blessed – but if we listened more He could bless us more.
 - God is not the problem – we are.
 - Be mature enough to receive His love, but understand that He demands respect & authority.

2 Samuel 6:12

- David realized God is not the problem but that we are. David was obedient with gladness.
 - Weeks of our strongest prayer cannot replace the JOY that can come from our minutes of obedience.
 - We are not happy - not because God doesn't love us - but because we don't listen.
 - There is a satisfaction that's hard to explain, not because life is good but because God is good.
- Every few steps David stopped, paused & was thankful to God.
 - A new appreciation & gratitude that came from His heart because of God's obedience.
- God has not called us to be miserable & sad.
- David danced before the Lord with all his heart, God wants us to have true joy!
- When your team scores the winning touchdown in the SuperBowl with 30 seconds left, you celebrate passionately.
 - Jesus scored more than a touchdown – we are on the winning team.
- If worship is in your heart, it will move into your body. Give it to God & let Him give it back to you, let Him move you.
 - Get your walk right & begin to think right, shout back, get your dance on.
 - That's the joy that God wants to bring back in all our lives.
- Jesus died so God could break out of that box.
 - God wants out of the box/book/preacher's teaching and into your heart.
 - You must invite Him.