

Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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2 Samuel 6:2-3

“And David arose ...to bring up from there the ark of God... and they set the ark of God upon a new cart...” 2 Samuel 6:2-3

No matter how appealing, no matter how impractical it may seem, no matter whether it makes sense to the natural mind of man – to conduct Kingdom business by the methods of the world are not acceptable to the Lord. David and the thirty-thousand chosen men of Israel should have known better, shouldn't they? But rather than search out the scriptures for themselves to find the mind of God, they assumed that since the Ark of the Covenant had been returned to Israel from the Philistines on a new cart, that must have been the proper method for its transport, therefore, that is the means they should use too! (See 1 Samuel 6:7-12). How wrong – deadly wrong! It cost Uzzah his life. It caused a wonderful and well meaning time of celebration to turn into a funeral procession. It cost David his dignity and brought an offense to his heart – not to mention Uzzah's family and possibly many others in Israel. Surely the question was wrongly asked many times throughout Israel, “Why would God do such a thing?”

If we are to expect biblical results in our lives and ministries, then we too should search the scriptures to find God's design and then pattern our lives after His direction. David spent three months searching out God's method for moving the ark. (2 Samuel 6:11).

To honestly search out God's heart and mind from the Scriptures will prevent us much grief and will bring to us great blessing! “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:16)