



Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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2 Samuel 6:12

“So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the city of David with gladness.” 2 Samuel 6:12

David had learned the hard way, but he had learned. After three months of searching the scriptures and waiting upon God, he learns how to move the ark in the way prescribed by the Law and therefore pleasing to God.

When we obey God the natural result is a release of joy. Obedience is well pleasing to God. As He delights in our obedience there is within our hearts a confirming sense of His pleasure, first by the initial sense of peace that accompanied our decision to obey but then by His joy that springs up within our hearts! “Your words were found, and I did eat them, and Your word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God, of hosts.” (Jeremiah 15:16)

The joy of the Lord is evident as the lost come to Christ having obeyed the word preached. “And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke... and there was great joy in that city.” (Acts 6:6-8)

And what of you, dear friend? It is easy to fall into the routines of life, to forget the immediacy of His joy springing up within your heart after having obeyed His prompting.

“Lord, this day I set myself to obey a fresh the leading of Your Spirit. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.” (Psalm 51:12)