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2 Samuel 6:14-23

“Then David danced before the LORD with all his might... as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal, Saul’s daughter... looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart. ... therefore Michal had no children to the day of her death.” 2 Samuel 6:14-23

Our liberty in Christ is often held in contempt by those who have not experienced the freedom we have in Christ themselves. Whether a joyous heart or happy feet, a boldness of speech or unashamed confidence in prayer, jealousy and disdain may often greet the believer from those who, like Michal, refuses to participate! While “David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord”, Michal was no where to be seen! Why not? She stayed at home! Why wasn’t she with her husband at church, especially on this great day? For whatever the reason, she stayed away from “church” that day. And from a distance as she sees David’s expression of whole-hearted worship, jealousy, shame and pride all arise at once within her heart. Maybe she was thinking, “My father would have more dignity that David is showing. He’s an embarrassment to his throne as well as to me. How will I ever face the people after his unsightly display?”

Be careful. Guard your heart. Could it be that the one to whom you are showing so much disdain, is pleasing to God? Could it be that if you had been in the services with an attitude of adoring faith rather than critical unbelief, you may understand why they are so liberal in their offered praise!?

There are reasons for fruitlessness! Michal’s attitude of heart forever robs her of bearing fruit. “In this is My Father glorified that you bear much fruit, and so be My disciples” (John 15:8)

“Lord, rather than my despising other’s freedom in Your Son, Jesus Christ, allow me to rejoice in their freedom and serve You wholeheartedly in my freedom! Amen!”

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