

HEART OF DAVID

Drawing Strength from God

Awestruck by the Reality of God

TAKEAWAY: We draw strength from God by living in awe of Him. The reality of the living God is terrifying and beyond our understanding. Who is this Holy God who cares so deeply about us?

Psalm 8 (NIV) ... of David.

LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.

² Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against
your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

⁵ You have made them a little lower than the
angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your
hands;

you put everything under their feet:

⁷ all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,

⁸ the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

⁹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

At times I too have been in awe of the reality of God. What flows out of my heart is something like this: I am but dust, do as you like. You are so far beyond me, so far above me, so vast beyond my understanding, so much beyond my judgements of what should be. You are God. My life is a mist, a shadow. I belong to you. I give you all that I have and give you permission to do as you like—as if you needed my permission because all things including my life are yours to begin with. You owe me nothing. Everything I have including this very breath is a gift from you. If you were to give me nothing more, if you were to take my life today, what you have given me is more than sufficient, generous, and wonderful. You are God, I am not. You are the hero of this story, not me. Thank you that I get to have a part in your story. Whom am I that you would share your life and greatness with me? Who am I that you would let me know you, want to know me, and promise to give me even more? You are the eternal God. The great I am. I worship you.

The Ark of the Covenant.

...“Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God?”... 1 Samuel 6:20 (NET)

2 Samuel 6:1-15 (NET)

David again assembled all the best men in Israel, 30,000 in number. ² David and all the men who were with him traveled to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies, who sits enthroned between the cherubim that are on it. ³ They loaded the ark of God on a new cart and carried it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart. ⁴ They brought it with the ark of God from the house of Abinadab on the hill. Ahio was walking in front of the ark, ⁵ while David and all Israel were energetically celebrating before the LORD, singing and playing various stringed instruments, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.

⁶ When they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and grabbed hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. ⁷ The LORD was so furious with Uzzah, he killed him on the spot for his negligence. He died right there beside the ark of God.

This expression of David's heart showed that he had a genuine emotional link to God. There are two great errors in this area – the error of making emotions the center of our Christian life and the error of an emotionally detached Christian life. In the Christian life, emotions must not be manipulated and they must not be repressed. - David Guzik

Glimpsing the reality of God will floor us.

Receiving the reality of God will bless us.

In light of the reality of God, lesser things diminish including the opinions and rejections.

⁸ David was angry because the LORD attacked Uzzah; so he called that place Perez Uzzah, which remains its name to this very day.

⁹ David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, "How will the ark of the LORD ever come to me?" ¹⁰ So David was no longer willing to bring the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. David left it in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. ¹¹ The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months. The LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his family. ¹² King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the family of Obed-Edom and everything he owns because of the ark of God." So David went and joyfully brought the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David. ¹³ Those who carried the ark of the LORD took six steps and then David sacrificed an ox and a fattling calf. ¹⁴ Now David, wearing a linen ephod, was dancing with all his strength before the LORD. ¹⁵ David and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD, shouting and blowing trumpets.