2019 FOCUS:

THE WORD OF GOD - ("IT IS WRITTEN") I WILL DANCE LIKE DAVID DANCED March 24th 2019

TEXT: 2 Samuel 6:14

"And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a priestly garment."

The Context...

¹¹ The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household. ¹²"When it was reported to King David that the LORD had blessed the family of Obed-edom and all that belonged to him, David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the City of David amid festivities. As soon as the bearers of the ark of the LORD had advanced six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴Then David, wearing a priestly garment, came dancing before the LORD with abandon, (2 Samuel 6:11-14).

Background

2 Samuel 6: ² David and all his men went to Judah to bring up from there the ark of God. ³ They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it.

⁶ When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. ⁷ The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act, therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God. **HELPING GOD IN ANY FORM IS IRRELEVANT!**

(Oxen stumbled because Ark was not being carried according to God's command. The Ark must be carried/touched by priests,)

⁸ Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had broken out against Uzzah.

⁹ David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, "How can the ark of the LORD to be the LORD ever come to me?" ¹⁰ He was not willing to take the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to 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, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.

WHOEVER DOES GOD'S WORK ENJOYS GOD'S BLESSINGS.

What are the lessons from David's dance?

1. The sacrifice

2. The priestly robe

^{14.}David, wearing a priestly garment, came dancing before the LORD with all his might (2 Sam 6)

3. Dancing with vigor - conviction

"Dave came dancing before the LORD with all his might (with abandon – yield completely)

- Only priests were allowed to carry the Ark
- "So Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the <u>priests</u>, the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel" (<u>Deuteronomy 31:9</u>).
- ► "Then David said, "No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever" (I Chronicles 15:2).
- When the ark was carried into Canaan, the ark was carried by the Levites. "..they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it" (<u>Joshua 3:2-3</u>).
- ► "Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan" (Joshua 3:17).
- Uzzah was not a priest and thus was not approved to touch the Ark.

Exodus 19:6, God promised to make us all priests:

"And unto Me you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites."

Isaiah 61:6

You will be called priests of the LORD, ministers of our God."

Brethren, this promise was fulfilled when Jesus came.

- ✓ From that moment, all believers are now priests.
- ✓ What is more, the sacrifice is now waived
- ✓ It is now our option to DANCE like David danced (with conviction, abandon, with all our might)
- 1 Peter 2: 4You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. 5And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

Brethren, for the believers, He has paid the prize but for unbelievers, they are not priests and cannot carry/touch the Ark of God or they will stumble and die.

Bible continues (1 Peter 2)

7Yes, you who trust him (believers) recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone."

8And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

Brethren, Jesus did two for us and left us with the choice to decide how we want to dance.

David danced with all his might and God called him the man after God's heart (Acts 13:22)

In Matthew 22, Jesus was asked:

36 Teacher, which commandment is the greatest in the Law?" **37** Jesus declared, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' **38** This is the first and greatest commandment.

Brethren, we are priests and our sacrifice has been waived, lets go and Dance with all our might.

- ▶ 10"Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people.
- ▶ Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."
- ► 11Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. (1 Peter 2)

2019 PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Pray over today's message. Ask for wisdom to dance as David danced
- 2. For KCM to continue to fulfil its mandate as "the house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.
- 3. Prayer for the Leadership of Nations

Pray for wisdom for leaders and fear of God. Pray the they fear God and obey His command.

- **4. Ask God to please stop wars in nations. Isaiah 2:4 says" "God** will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore."
- 5. Continue to ask God to have mercy on our land, remove plagues & heal us (2 Chro, 7:13-18).
- 6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries.- Wisdom to dance like David danced
- 7. Pray for Marriages, Children and families.
- 8. Pray for Members of the fellowship for Wisdom to dance like David danced
- 9 Lift up needs of the members & fellowship & and special request
- 10. Ask for God's mercy, and grace to fear Him and obey His command with all our heart, soul and mind.
- 11. Also pray for next Sunday.