2Sa 6:1-9

Again David gathered all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2Sa 6:2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the LORD of Hosts, who dwells between the cherubim.

2Sa 6:3 So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.

2Sa 6:4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.

Uzzah and the Ark

2Sa 6:5 Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the LORD on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.

- 2Sa 6:6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.
- 2Sa 6:7 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.
- 2Sa 6:8 And David became angry because of the LORD's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day.
- 2Sa 6:9 David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?"

1Sa 6:8 Then take the ark of the LORD and **set it on the cart**; and put the articles of gold which you are returning to Him as a trespass offering in a chest by its side. Then send it away, and let it go.

Jer 25:7 Yet you have not listened to Me," says the LORD, "that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of **your hands** to your own hurt.

David used the same method as the Philistines to carry the Ark of God - **a man** made cart!

Uzzah touched what he should not of touched and it cost him his life -

familiarity with God

A Lack of reverence for our Holy God

A lack of obedience and order towards God and His ways

kills my love relationship with and towards Him... and we lose the "life" of our love relationship with our God.

So now I have to turn to the works of my hands to Feel I'm carrying His presence.....

I've put Him in a box a cart, carrying His presence based I what I've built or how I think HIS PRESENCE should be carried - As His Church Some of our praise and worship is no different to a rock concert.

Like Israel carrying the Ark into battle because the Philistines had defeated them - saying Here God perform, deliver us - not understanding the reason of their defeat was not God's lack – but their own lack of heart towards Him their familiarity towards Him their lack of holiness and reverence towards Him

God was saying Don't carry me like the world does - Based on how you think, I'm a God of Order I'm a God Of Righteousness and Holiness - DON'T FIT ME IN YOUR CART

If you do don't expect my Glory power or presence to go before you...

THIS ARK THIS PRESENCE OF GOD WAS TO CARRIED UPON THE SHOULDERS OF HIS PRIESTS

- **1Ch 15:12-15 READ****** For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him **about the proper order**."
- :14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.
- :15 And the children of the Levites bore the ark of **God on their shoulders**, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

YOU AS HIS ROYAL PRIESTHOOD HAS THE PRIVILEGE TO FEEL, CARRY AND EXPERIENCE THE WEIGHT OF HIS PRESENCE AND GLORY UPON YOUR SHOULDERS

SO GOD IS SAYING TO US LIKE UZZAH YOUR HANDS MATTER - DON'T TAKE UNCLEAN HANDS AND EXPECT TO TOUCH HOLY THINGS WITHOUT A CONSEQUENCE

1Ti 2:8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

We need to come to Church ready to lift up Holy hands - not just ANY hands,

But hands that have been washed from the residue of this world, and of the things I shouldn't of touched –

washed by the water of His word washed by repentance washed by forgiveness washed by consecration washed from the stream that flows from His presence.

> A WASHING THAT CHANGES ONES HEART READY TO BEAR THE WEIGHT OF HIS PRESENCE GLORY AND POWER