

David Thanks God with Music

II Samuel 6:12-15; I Chronicles 15:1-16:36

Now that David was king, he wanted his people to worship God again as they once did. The people needed a place to worship God. A special piece of furniture – the ark of God needed to be in that place.

The ark of God was a beautiful gold box that God had commanded the people to make. David knew it was God's plan for the ark of God to be kept inside the tabernacle. The old tabernacle was gone, so David built a new tabernacle especially for the ark of God. Then he sent messengers throughout the land to tell the people that the ark was going to be moved to Jerusalem.

King David arranged for God's special ministers to carry the ark on poles on their shoulders all the way to Jerusalem.

King David and a group of musicians walked before the ark of God. They made music with harps and horns and many other kinds of instruments. They sang and shouted and played on their instruments. Behind them walked the special ministers, carefully carrying the ark of God. And behind them came all the important leaders of the land. Men and women and boys and girls stood beside the roadway and watched the exciting procession pass by. It was wonderful! Everyone was happy that the ark of God would be in the tabernacle.

When the ark was safely inside the tabernacle, King David and the people had a special ceremony to honor and worship God. David chose musicians to lead the worship. Some of the people were in the orchestra, and some were in the choir. King David wrote a beautiful psalm for the choir to sing.

Everyone listened as the choir sang the psalm. Then all the people said, "Amen," and praised the Lord.

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“. . . and bless his name" (Psalm 100:4).