

A Great Celebration

2 Samuel 6:12-15 (TLB)

¹² When David heard this, he brought the Ark to the City of David with a great celebration. ¹³ After the men who were carrying it had gone six paces, they stopped and waited so that he could sacrifice an ox and a fat lamb. ¹⁴ And David danced before the Lord with all his might and was wearing priests' clothing. ¹⁵ So Israel brought home the Ark of the Lord with much shouting and blowing of trumpets.

So, what does it mean to celebrate? Webster's dictionary tells us **to celebrate is "to perform a sacrament or solemn ceremony publicly with appropriate rites, to honor someone or something by refraining from ordinary business, to observe a notable occasion with festivities."**

1. Make Sure Your Celebration Is Pleasing to God.

1 Chronicles 13:7-8 (NKJV)

⁷ So they carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. ⁸ Then David and all Israel played *music* before God with all *their* might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.

2. Celebrate With Gladness.

2 Samuel 6:13 (NKJV)

¹³ And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.

1 Samuel 6:14-15, 17-20 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Then David danced before the Lord with all *his* might; and David was wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet. ¹⁷ So they brought the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord. ¹⁸ And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts. ¹⁹ Then he distributed among all

the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece *of meat*, and a cake of raisins. So, all the people departed, everyone to his house. ²⁰ Then David returned to bless his household.

3. Celebrate With All Your Might

2 Samuel 6:16, 20 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Now 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. ²⁰ Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"