



Church Family and Friends,

If you were with us in worship in July, you know that for a couple weeks we talked about King David. We saw how he desired to bring the Ark of the Covenant into his capital city of Jerusalem. After the ark was set in place, David then desired to build a “house” for the Ark, meaning he wanted to build a temple for the Lord. In between these events, as the ark is being brought into Jerusalem at the end of 2 Samuel 6, we are reintroduced to Michal. Michal is the daughter of the former King Saul, and now is the wife of King David.

I encourage you to read about how the relationship between David and Michal began, was interrupted, and then how David “reclaimed” her as his wife. You will find in the interim, David took several other wives, and Michal had been given in marriage to another while David ran from her father Saul. It is an interesting tale that helps explain the apparent lack of love between the two. What began as Michal being enamored with David, appears to change into being enamored with the office of Kingship.

Her father’s kingship ended in disgrace, and Michal did not want to see her now husband-king take the same path. As David accompanied the ark into Jerusalem verse 16 says she “looked out the window to find David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him for it”. David was not meeting her expectations or standards of what a king should be or how one should act. As she confronted him about his less-than-kingly actions, David quickly reminded her that he is not so interested in kingly standards, but the standard of God.

How often do we find ourselves trying to meet the standards of those around us, all the while failing to line ourselves up with God’s standards? Our eternal hope is in Christ, not in what others may think of us. David’s reply to Michal affirmed his desire to please God, and meet His standard, rather than men.

The standard of God is difficult, no, impossible to meet on our own. However, God gives us a solution for this “impossible” situation. “What is impossible for man, but with God all things are possible” (Matt. 19:26). By putting on the blood of Christ, God looks upon us and sees the standard He requires. As we receive this gift of God’s grace, this inspires us to seek to meet His standard in every aspect of our lives.

The world around us wants us to meet its expectations, its standards. These often are quite opposite of the standard of God. As we are “in the world but not of the world”, we are called to be a reflection of Christ, an ambassador of Christ. Which means, we reflect the standard set before us by Jesus the Christ.

Let me encourage you to aim higher. Aim to meet and reflect the standards of God found in His word and displayed for us in Christ Jesus.

In Christ,  
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