

## DANCING BABY

-Ryan Parsons-

Each morning, as the sun comes up, I listen to a tiny voice come across through the baby monitor. As I walk down the hall towards the baby's room, I hear sounds that make me feel as though I am observer to an exuberant conversation or song. When I open the door, I am greeted by bright eyes and a gigantic smile. At this, I often sing a good morning song as I lift him out of bed. Without fail, this child breaks into dancing in my arms. It is a joyful way to begin the day, and I think much can be learned from the beauty of this innocent child.

We read in the Bible about the time David pitched a tent in Jerusalem, and the ark was brought into the city (2 Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 15). David was so thrilled he began to dance before the ark.

### **2 Samuel 6:14**

And David danced before the Lord with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod.

Why was this so significant? In 1 Chronicles 13:3-4 David says: *Then let us bring again the ark of our God to us, for we did not seek it in the days of Saul.*" All the assembly agreed to do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. This was more than bringing a relic to town. It represented God rejoining the people under David's leadership and a refocusing by the Israelites upon him. It was a big deal!

Scripture talks repeatedly about this exuberant joy that cannot be contained in the presence of God. It must manifest itself. We are just wired that way, and this should keep us on the journey to seek a more unencumbered worship. Sadly, joy contained is joy suppressed. May it never be with us!

### **Psalm 30:11-12**

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,  
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Does the joy of meeting the Lord each morning pour out of us like the joy of a dancing baby? Does our opportunity to approach the throne of God each week in worship result in joy that churns within and pours out of us? Is there anything in the way that is suppressing your joy?

May God bless us as we seek to worship him in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

Keep Studying,  
Ryan