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The God, whose presence was represented by the ark, is himself majestically and terrifyingly holy. We must not minimize God's holiness.

“The ark of the covenant was being carried in a cart. This was not the way it was designed to be carried. It should have been on [poles on] the shoulders of priests. When one of the oxen stumbled the ark looked like it was going to fall. Uzzah keeps it from tipping in the mud. God’s reaction was not, ‘Thank you, Uzzah!’ No, God killed Uzzah instantly. Uzzah believed that mud would desecrate the ark, but mud is just dirt and water obeying God. Mud is not evil. God’s law was not meant to keep the ark pure from the earth, but from the dirty touch of a human hand. Uzzah presumed his hands were cleaner than the dirt. God said no.”

— R. C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God*

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True worship of the majestically holy God involves “lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling” (1 Timothy 2:8).

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You must continually thank your holy, praiseworthy, covenant-making God until he fulfills every covenant commitment he has made.

“His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.”

— Edward Mote, *The Solid Rock* (1824)