

David Brings The Ark To Jerusalem

(2 Samuel 6:1-19, 1 Chronicles 15:1-3, 12-15)

- Introduction:
1. (Romans 15:4) “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”
 2. There is an interesting story with reference to the Ark of the Covenant that teaches us several lessons about God as well as man.

I. Background To The Text

- A. For many years, the ark of the covenant was moved from place to place, but when David became King, he decided to bring the ark to Jerusalem.
- B. So David, along with some of the most noble men in Israel, came to the home of Abinadab to retrieve the ark.
- C. Abinadab lived about 15 miles from Jerusalem.
- D. So in order to get the cart to Jerusalem expeditiously, they placed the ark on a cart pulled by oxen.
- E. It was a time of great rejoicing, as they played music on the way to Jerusalem.
- F. However, somewhere along the way, the oxen stumbled and Uzzah reached out his hand to steady the ark, and he was struck dead.
- G. This angered David, and he moved the ark to the home of Obed-Edom for three months.
- H. David then calmed down, thought about things, then came again and successfully brought the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem.

II. Lessons To Be Learned From This Account

- A. God demands strict obedience.
 1. Many think a God is not concerned about the details.
 2. How can one read about the construction of the temple and the sacrificial system and come to that conclusion?
 3. (1 Samuel 15:22) to obey is better than sacrifice.
 4. More was involved in this sin than maybe meets the eyes.
 1. Commanded not to touch (Numbers 4:15).
 2. To be carried (Numbers 4:15).
 3. To be carried by the sons of Kohath (Numbers 4:15; 1 Chronicles 6).
 5. (Genesis 6:8, 14) Noah found grace...and did all he was commanded.
 6. (Matthew 7:21) he who does the will...
 7. (Hebrews 5:9) author of salvation to those who obey..
 8. One cannot count on mercy to cover intentional disobedience (Mt. 16:22-23).
- B. Convenience does not trump the word of God.
 1. Fifteen miles is a long way to carry a heavy ark on one's shoulders.
 2. Can we sprinkle for convenience (Romans 6:3-4)?
 3. Can we use instruments in our worship (Colossians 3:16-17)?
 4. What is the difference between an aid and an addition?

- C. Feelings Do Not Determine Truth
 - 1. They were rejoicing and having a great time until God's judgment fell upon them.
 - 2. (Proverbs 14:12) There is a way that seems right...
 - 3. (2 Kings 5:11) Behold I thought...
 - 4. Ills. Stack of Bibles.
- D. Good intentions do not excuse disobedience.
 - 1. Surely, Uzzah's intentions were good.
 - 2. But so were the intentions of Saul of Tarsus (Acts 23:1).
 - 3. Consider the motive of Lot's wife (Genesis 19:26).
- E. Notice the goodness and severity of God
 - 1. Severity upon Uzzah for his disobedience.
 - 2. Goodness upon the house of Obed-Edom (2 Samuel 6:12).
 - 3. (Romans 11:22) Goodness and severity of God.
- F. Notice the attitude of David.
 - 1. At first, he is angry of God because of the consequences of sin.
 - a. (Proverbs 13:15) Way of the transgressor is hard.
 - 2. Then humility.
 - a. He acknowledges his sin (1 Chronicles 15:13).
 - b. He honored God (2 Samuel 6:13).