

Lessons from Uzzah

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Introduction

1. 2 Samuel 6:1-7
2. This ark is an interesting article of God's under the Old Testament
3. This ark was 2 1/2 cubits in length (45 inches) 1 1/2 cubits wide (27 inches) and 1 1/2 cubits high (27 inches). It was made of a certain wood and then overlaid with gold. It had rings on the corners. There were two staves of wood that were overlain with gold. These two staves were used to carry the ark. On top of the ark was the Mercy Seat, it was made of pure gold Exodus 25:10-11
4. The Mercy Seat is where God would commune with them Exodus 25:22
5. The background for our text is found in 1 Samuel 4-7. The children of Israel were being oppressed by the Philistines. They sent for the Ark but the Philistines overcome them, because Israel has left God. The Philistines take the ark into the house of their gods which cannot and do not stand before the living God. The Philistines are struck with a plague, so they send the ark back to Israel. Some of the Israelites look into the ark and are killed, 50,070. The men call the folks from Kirjath Jearim to take the ark. This is the resting place unto David wants to move it to Jerusalem.
6. There are some lessons that we need to learn from Uzzah.

II Discussion

1. No matter who you are sincerity does not change God's requirements.
 1. David was wrong in putting the ark on a cart.
 2. Only the men from the tribe of Levites of the family of Aaron of the sons of Kohath could carry the ark. They had to carry the ark upon the shoulders.
 3. Uzziah had no right to touch an holy thing. Numbers 4:15-20; 9:10, 21 Deuteronomy 31:9
 4. Sincerity today does not set aside the commands of God Romans 10:1-3 for if it did one could believe anything and be saved 1 Timothy 4:1
2. Ignorance is no excuse
 1. There was a time when the Israelites knew how the ark was to be carried Joshua 3
 2. They were to teach their children Deuteronomy 6: 1-6 so if they did not teach their children it was their own fault Hosea 4:6
 3. We are to study 2 Timothy 2:15; we are to teach Matthew 28:18-20 We are to teach our children Ephesians 6:4.
 4. If our children don't know who is to blame
3. The passing of time does not change God's Word
 1. The Bible does not change Matthew 24:35
 2. God's Word is the same when the law started on how to carry the ark and who was to carry the ark, it had not changed!
 3. God's Word today is the same no matter how many would like to change it and who would like to change it Galatians 1:6-9.
 4. Some Bible change God's gender
 5. He is still the same!
4. Following other can lead in the wrong direction
 1. David moved the ark the same way it was last moved, and the Philistines moved it last 1 Samuel 6 and 2 Samuel 6
 2. Just because other do it does not mean it is right Proverbs 14:12; Matthew 7:13-14
5. Don't let the mistakes deny us of future blessings. 2 Samuel 6:11
 1. What had happen was truly sad.
 2. What happen to the house of Obededom was blessings from God
 3. There is no need to quit trying no matter what happens.

III Conclusion

1. We should have hope as we study this section of Scriptures.
2. We need to do what God said the way that God said to do a thing.
3. This then should bring us closer to God
4. He has stated what He wants us to do and we must do it.

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