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Good Intentions

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"And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. [7] And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. [8] And David was displeased, because the Lord had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perez-uzzah to this day. [9] And David was afraid of the Lord that day, and said, How shall the ark of the Lord come to me?" 2 Samuel 6:6-9

David loved the Lord. David desired for the Ark of the Covenant to be in Israel where it belonged; he and his men set out to transport the ark of the Lord. They even made sure that there was a new cart to tow the ark on.

Because the ark of God had been away from the children of Israel for too long, David went after the Ark of God with haste. He was so motivated by the fact that they finally were going to bring God home. Truly excitement was in the air as they traveled home. Yet, David didn't pay close enough attention to the Word of God and what it had to say about the transportation of the Ark.

Has there really been too much time passed since he heard those laws in which God detailed the account with specific instructions in the transportation of the Ark of the Lord? He should have studied the Word about the Ark so that it would have been transported the correct way.

Uzzah perished because he placed his hand upon the ark; again, good intentions. Uzzah desired to keep the ark from falling off the cart at the threshingfloor.

You see, the oxen were doing what they do. The threshingfloor is where they work. Those oxen were trained to stomp to prepare the grain. When they came upon Nachon's threshingfloor, they stopped walking and pulling the wagon and commenced to do their job. Their activity is what cause the Ark of God to shake.

David, shocked at the fact that he truly meant well, his heart was right, and they were celebrating God. And yet, doing a good thing by keeping the Ark of God from falling, Uzzah was killed, instantly, just by touching the Ark. David was displeased by what God done and he stashed the Ark at the home of Obed-edom until he could figure out where he erred.



The whole time that the Ark of God was with Obed-edom, he and his house was blessed abundantly. Now, God doesn't allow just anyone to touch Him. There are specific instructions when it comes to approaching God and how we treat HIM. Uzzah's intention in his heart was pure, he was just wanting to help out. However, because the rules weren't followed, he had to die. Obedience is better than sacrifice. If they moved the Ark the way it was supposed to be moved, Uzzah would have been alive when the Ark arrived in Jerusalem.

"And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." 1 Samuel 15:22

So then, David, after three months of studying and preparing, he and his sanctified Levites and the chosen multitude, went back to collect the ark of the Lord from the home of Obed-edom. As they traveled home, King David meticulously made sure the move was made with specific motions, slow and intentional, and worth every step. They would travel 6 steps and then worship with dance and sacrifice, they celebrated God like He is supposed to be celebrated. Six steps and Worship. As they returned to the city of David, they not only moved the ark the correct way, David also worshiped God with sacrifice and dance with all the strength that he had. King David took off his kingship and put on humility.

We all have good intentions. We could be just as guilty as David being ignorant to the Word of God; forgetting how much the Word of God is very specific. We go about our lives, overlooking the Word of the Lord; not intentionally, but neglectfully. The Word of the Lord is true and pointed. And, if we are not careful, we will lose sight of those things which should be Holy and Sanctified, thus treating them in a casual nonsensical way.

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4:17-24



This is just one passage of scripture of many along the lines of lack of knowledge. Has too much time pass that we forgot all the Lord requires of us? Being human we tend to think God's Word no longer applies if we haven't heard it lately. Just remember this: Truth reigns forever.

In the New Testament we put off works of the flesh. Obviously if it is a work of the flesh it couldn't please God. And so in our endeavor to please God we need to strive to remember those things in which God wants us to do as well as those He doesn't want us to do so we can remain righteous and holy.

It doesn't matter how good someone is, if they weren't obedient to the Word of God, they did not go to Heaven. If their parents weren't obedient to the Word of God, the child did not go to Heaven. No matter how wonderful and great they were, unless they were obedient.

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

Romans 6:16

