David's New Ox-Cart

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INTRODUCTION

- He had trusted in his own wisdom rather than God's, and ultimately rebelled against God and was rejected by God as king.
- David was concerned about the spiritual condition of the nation as well.

1 Let Us Bring Back the Ark of Our God

1 Chronicles 13:1–4; Exodus 25:21

- Let us bring back the ark of our God to us. For we did not seek it in the days of Saul.
- David is determined to bring spiritual revival to the nation.
- The ark was very special to the Israelites. In fact, in reality, the most sacred piece of furniture associated with their worship.
- So, in a sense, it was the contact point of God with the people.

2 They Carried the Ark on a New Cart

1 Chronicles 13:5–8; 2 Samuel 6:1

- I don't think there's any questioning that David's motives were sincere and pure.
- And they carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzzah and Aoi drove the cart.
- Soon their occasion for celebration would be turned to mourning. Because as they made the journey, something went drastically wrong.

3 Uzzah Put Out His Hand to Hold the Ark

1 Chronicles 13:9–14

- Uzzah put out his hand to hold the ark because the oxen nearly upset it.
- The anger of the Lord burned against Uzzah, so he struck him down because he had put his hand to the ark and he died there before the Lord.
- And David was afraid of God that day. Saying, How can I bring the ark of God home to me?
- It's difficult to read this story as a child without being impressed that God was just mean and cruel in this case.

4 God Did Exactly What He Said He Would Do

Numbers 4:15

- Only the priest, only those who had been set apart to God and consecrated, had a right to go in and handle this sacred furniture, including the ark.

- After that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them, so that they may not touch the holy objects and die.
- He did exactly what he said he would do. He punished the crime in exactly the way he said he would.
- Religious ignorance is not a neutral, insignificant thing, that it can be a tragic thing. If he didn't know better, he should have.

5 We Did Not Seek Him According to the Ordinance

- God had given very specific instructions about how the ark was to be moved and transported.
- No one is to carry the ark of God but the Levites. For the Lord chose them to carry the ark of God and to minister to him forever.
- Someone says, What difference does it make how it is moved? Well, the difference is this. God spoke to the matter.
- The Lord our God made an outburst on us, for we did not seek him according to the ordinance.
- It is equally important that in our spiritual fervor we seek him according to the ordinance.

6 Do Not Dismiss God's Instructions as Irrelevant Details

- It teaches us that we must be careful not to dismiss God's instructions as irrelevant details.
- Where folks aren't interested in debating the subject because to them, baptism is just a detail.
- I think we see the same disposition toward how God is worshiped.
- The same point can be made, and sometimes we're guilty on this one. About easily dismissing the things that the Bible would try to teach us on issues of morality.

MY NOTES