Man By Man

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INTRODUCTION

- Perhaps you may recognize this text as at a low point in the history of Israel.
- It wasn't by their wisdom or some military strategy that allowed them to defeat that great city, but by the grace of God.

1 Sin in the Camp: Achan Taken Man by Man

Joshua 6:17–19

- And the Lord made an explanation. There was sin in the camp.
- God had warned them in Joshua six, verses seventeen through nineteen that all that they would find in that city was consecrated unto God.
- Then I coveted them and took them. And behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent and the silver under it.
- That even the whole camp of Israel would be defeated when they go against Ai just because of this one man.

2 God Does Judge Us Man by Man

- And that God indeed does judge us man by man, individually.
- Sometimes we might think that, well, judgment's going to be in bunches or churches.
- But what we read through the scripture is that really God's wrath is stirred up against individuals who sin.
- Man by man shall be God's judgment.

3 Uzzah Put His Hand to the Ark

1 Chronicles 13:3–10

- Uzzah put forth his hand to hold the ark. For the oxen stumbled.
- And he smote him. Because he put his hand to the ark. And there he died before the Lord.
- So many people have an idea that it really doesn't matter that much what we do because God loves us and somehow he's going to overlook.
- First of all, they were carrying it the wrong way. And secondly, here is a man who touched the ark that God had said, Do not.

4 Nadab and Abihu Took Fire Unauthorized

Leviticus 10:1–2

- Offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord and devoured them.

- And it wasn't that God had said, Thou shalt not take fire from a different place. He just simply said, Here is where to get it.
- If God said what to do, we have no right to change that.

5 Ananias and Sapphira: Hypocrites Struck Dead

Acts 5:1–11

- They lied about what they were bringing. Now they had the right. They had the right to keep back part of it if they wanted to.
- But they pretended as though they were giving the full price.
- As Peter said, you've lied not to men, but to God. They were both struck dead.
- There come time of judgment, and we'll answer for whether or not we're sincerely serving God, honestly serving God.
- Man by man is judgment day.

6 Not in Bunches, Not by Congregations

Ezekiel 14:12–20

- Others about me may be doing right or wrong for that matter. But God will judge what I am doing.
- And punishment or blessing will be man by man, regardless of what others are doing.
- Even though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in its midst by their own righteousness, they could only deliver themselves, declares the Lord God.
- If these three were there, they couldn't save the rest of the land. They could only save themselves, man by man.

MY NOTES