Uzzah and the Ark of the Covenant

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INTRODUCTION

- It was in the Holy of Holies. It was a box, more or less, that contained the Ten Commandments, the tablets.
- But the word of God was clear, you were not to do anything but carry on the shoulders of the Levites by the poles that were on the ark to transport it.
- But when we follow it or stand idly by and do nothing to stop it, we are actually contributing to it.

1 Man-Made Methods Are Not God's Methods

Matthew 15:9

- First thing that we're going to learn is that man-made methods are not God's methods.
- Just because everybody else is doing it, of course, is not a good reason to do it.
- Sometimes convenience is allowed by God. If the thing that you are doing is already under the umbrella of something he has authorized.
- When God says what to do, then all else is excluded.
- God's word does not need our help. It does not need improvement.
- Jesus said in Matthew 15 and verse 9, in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.

2 It Doesn't Matter How Good My Intentions Were

- If religiously we lay a foundation that is flawed and that is wrong, it doesn't matter how sincere we are in doing it's still wrong.
- Uzzah had good intentions, I think. I mean, wasn't he just trying to help?
- But no matter how good his intentions were, it made God angry.
- It is sinful to serve God in a way that he does not authorize, no matter how sincere a person is.

3 Sin Is Serious Business

Romans 6:23; Romans 12:9; 2 Timothy 2:22

- Another lesson we can learn from Uzzah and the Ark of the Covenant is that sin is serious business.
- What does that say about our God and his attitude towards sin? He hates sin.
- Romans 6 and verse 23 says that the wages of sin is death.
- Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
- Remember that sin is more than moral sin, it's also religious sin.
- Sin is dangerous. And our attitude towards it must be flee from sin.

4 God's Ordinance Must Be Followed

1 Chronicles 15:13; 2 Timothy 1:13; 1 Corinthians 14:34

- Final point I want to make to you this morning is that God's ordinance must be followed.
- Because you did not carry it at the first, the Lord our God made an outburst on us, for we did not seek him according to the ordinance.
- We need to be careful to serve and worship God exactly as he has revealed. Precisely as he has authorized.
- We need to hold fast the pattern of sound words. 2 Timothy 1 and verse 13.
- Never ignore the word of God. Never ignore the authority of the word of God.

THE CHALLENGE

Won't you become a Christian this morning as we stand and sing the song of invitation?

MY NOTES