

Doing right for God in the wrong way

2 Samuel 6: 1-9

David decided to bring the Arc to Jerusalem. The Philistines were captured it during the last sad days of Eli. David's motives was good, but his method was wrong.

God commanded the Arc should be carried only on the shoulders of the Levites.

Exod 25:12-14 "You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners; two rings shall be on one side, and two rings on the other side. "And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. "You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them.

2 Sam 6:6-7 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.

This strange tragedy has some serious lessons for us (the church)

David's whole procedure was wrong. Why?

- 1 He borrowed the method from the the enemy (1 Sam 6:7) He followed the method of the philistines. Then why the philistines are not punished?. God was merciful for their ignorance.
- 2 Uzzah was too familiar with the things of God. Why?
- 3 1 Sam 7:1-2, 2 Sam 6:3, Uzzah was the son of Abinadab and he seen the Arc all his life. But he is not learned anything, he lost his reverence and respect for the things of God.
- 4 Carrying the Arc is a personal responsibility. Serving the Lord is a personal responsibility not a burden.

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