

## It Seemed Like It Was the Right Thing to Do

### *A Lesson On Good Intentions*

- Are we creating shortcuts for our Christianity?
- Are we following the precise directions given by our Father?

#### **Saul and the Amelikites:**      1 Samuel 15:1-23

(Vs. 2-3) **Thus saith the Lord of hosts**, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. “Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.” (Vs. 7) And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

#### **Uzzah and David:** [1 Chronicles 13:6-12]

(2Sa 6:1-6) Again, David gathered together all *the* chosen *men* of Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose, and went with all the people that *were* with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth *between* the cherubims. And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that *was* in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which *was* at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of *instruments made of* fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. 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*.

#### **The Water of Meribah:**

(Num 20:1-11) Then came the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? *it is* no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither *is* there any water to drink. And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

## The Mistakes:

### Saul and the Amalekites

(I Sam 15:13) ...I have performed the commandment of the Lord...

(Mat 7:22-23) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

(1Co 10:12) Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

#### *Ambition as rebellion*

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### Uzzah and David

(2Sa 6:7) 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.

#### *Two main mistakes*

1. It should be born by the staves

(Exo 25:12-15) And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put *them* in the four corners thereof; and two rings *shall be* in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. And thou shalt make staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

(Exo 37:5) And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

2. It should not have been touched

Main Mistake- Changing the prescription given to “carry God.”

#### *Modern Day Ways Religion Changes the prescription we've been given to carry our Lord:*

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## The Water of Meribah

(Num 20:12) And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

God gave very succinct and clear instructions...

- Take the rod
- Gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother
- Speak ye unto the rock before their eyes
  - Result=it shall give forth his water
- Thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

What did Moses do?

- Moses took the rod before the Lord, as he commanded
- Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock
- Moses said **unto them** [the congregation, not the rock]
- **Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice**

### *Equation for Salvation*

(Mar 16:16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

(Rom 6:4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

- Belief
- Baptism
  - Result=shall be saved
- After baptism, this new man should arise and walk in newness of life

(Rev 22:18-19) For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

## Conclusion

Even with good intentions, sin can happen. Consequences were paid:

- Saul= de-throned
- Uzzah's life was ended
- David ended up diverting his plans of bringing the ark to Jerusalem
- Aaron died later that chapter and Moses never entered the Promised Land

(Pro 14:12) There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

(Jer 10:23-24) O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps. O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.