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INT:

U.S. afflicted with one or both terrible diseases evident in people today:

1. Deification of man or anthropomorphism: (making God in the image of man.)

Today: Time of great religious ignorance, confusion, frustration and anarchy.

Reminder: OUR responsibility is to let our light shine for Christ. Teach truth.

Matt. 5:16. Mk. 16:15-16. James 5:20!

PROBLEM: Too many are "fixing" things up to suit themselves! Tampering with God's work!

LESSON: Penalty for, sincerely even, failing to honor God's wishes. Ill. Uzzah!

I. UZZAH AND GOD'S ARK OF THE COVENANT.

A. History of the Ark.

1. Built with the Tabernacle. Ex.25:10-22.
2. Only the priests could touch the holy things in the tabernacle. Not levites! Num. 4:15. These were servants.
3. Sons of Kohath to CARRY the Ark on their shoulders. Had rings & poles. Num. 7:4-9. *+ Wagon*

B. Sons of Abinadab to tend the Ark: IIS6:1-7. (However, David put it on a NEW cart-sin.)

1. Ark on way to Jer. to honor God!
2. Oxen stumbled at Nachon's threshing floor
3. Uzzah TOUCHED the ark to steady it-sin!
4. Uzzah: A simple, sincere & dead servant.
5. Perhaps YOU offended by such treatment for an innocent act(?) Try Isa. 55:8-9.

II. APPLICATION OF THIS O. T. STORY: Rom. 15:4.

A. God still sensitive about Sacred things???

1. Ill. Touch not the simple song service!
 - a. Eph. 5:19. Col. 3:16. Sing--heart!
 - b. 1st Instrument+Religious service.775!
 - c. Question: What about in weddings???
 - Not a Worship Ser.!& Not expedient!!!
 - d. M.T. policy: No Instr. Music in Bldg. No law! Is expedient!! REASON: Too many NOT make the distinction. Easier to KEEP it ALL out, than FIGHT the running battle to Push it out of Worst Ill. People get unreasonable! Chas. Ward & Louise at W.H. after having help draft the policy. Ugly!!

- e. Ill. H.S. chapels and misunderstandings.
Never sang with inst. in chapel. Case:
"You were here! Sang with inst.! Why not
in your bldg.?" Best reply: Did not sing
Have LED chapel singing-without inst.!!

2. Touch Not My ^{still} Believer's Bapism!..

- a. Babies ^{still} being baptized in spite of all
scriptures proving it as an adult action!!!
- b. Mark 16:15-16. Eight more. Believers only....
- c. What did early church have? Buried believers!
- d. When did the First Change occur???
- Ans. "253 A. D. Cyprian, bishop of Carthage
and 66 more bishops voted to baptize
babies at 3 days."
- Ans. "Clinic baptism or sprinkling. 259 A. D.
Deathly ill emperor--confused on baptism
regeneration---too ill to be BURIED. Asked
the bishop for special dispensation!
Choices: Grant it or lose your head.
IN WATER.
- e. BUT!!!! This was an EMERGENCY!!! So was
Uzzah's problem. Solution: Do right
and let God judge the consequences!!!

INV: ONLY SAFE COURSE: WHAT GOD SAID EXACTLY!!!!

Says: Acts 2:38. Means R & be B for Redemption.
Tampering is fatal like Uzzah's case.

Says: James 5:16. Publicly if a public sin.
Privately, if a private offense.
Tampering in any way-fatal!

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