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Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

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Attacks & Betrayal (Ps 55:2-14)

PM Sermon

Paul Praschnik

Sunday AM Bible Class:

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Hermeneutics - Praschnik

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The Oologah Informer

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A Painful Lesson

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On average in one year a student will spend six and a half hours a day for 180 days a year in a classroom learning. This is about 1,170 hours in a year in a place of learning. Over that time a student will learn various lessons and in various ways. Some of those things that are learned are quickly forgotten while others seem to last for a long time. Sometimes lessons are learned the hard way, sometimes this lesson can be a painful lesson. However, these types of lessons are often never forgotten. For example, a mother may tell her child do not touch that hot stove and the young child will keep trying to touch it. Then one day the young child touches the hot stove, and the lessons is learned. The child now understands the danger of a hot stove and will take measures to never touch the stove again. I personally remember a lesson from my youth, I grew up on a farm and I remember my grandpa telling me to be careful around the electric fence. and not to touch it. I did not pay attention to his warning until one day I touched the electric fence. Needless to say, it was a shocking experience. This was a painful lesson, but I then understood the lesson. When one examines the scripture they can find individuals that had to learn a lesson and it was a hard and painful lesson.

Let us examine Uzzah and King David. In 2 Samuel 6:1-13, one can read about a tragic event where Uzzah touched the ark of the covenant and was killed. As with the mother warning her young child and my grandpa warning me God had given the warning. In Numbers 15:1-6, 15 God had given specific instructions on how the ark was to be carried, He also had given the penalty if the ark was touched, that penalty being death. So, one might ask the question why were the carrying the ark incorrectly? I suppose one could find multiple reasons for doing what they did and at the end of the day it is all supposition. However, for reasoning we will consider the following. They liked the idea of moving it rather than carrying it (doing what they wished). Or they had seen the Philistines move the ark this way (1 Samuel 6:10-12). What is important

to pick up on is that they were disobedient to the will of God. God had given the instructions and David, Uzzah and the others failed to do as God said. Man. today must make sure that we do not follow the mistake of David and Uzzah. God has given us commands for all things we are to do (Colossians 3:17, 2 Peter 1:3). This would include the way in which our home is set up one man and one woman for life (Matthew 19:4-6). This would also be in regard to the way one worships God. Too often man worships how he wants to and disregards what God has to say on the subject. This is not a new problem. Jesus himself addressed two of the seven churches of Asia in Revelation 2:12-23, the compromising and corrupt churches.

It is important to understand just because something seems right to man, that does not make it right in the eyes of God. Uzzah seen the ark beginning to fall and he reached up to touch it. On the surface this seems like a harmless action, in fact some would consider this a noble action. I am sure Uzzah did not have any ill will as he reached up to steady the ark. Uzzah was not guiltless in this action, as good as his intentions were, he was in the wrong. He knew he was not to touch the ark. He was also involved with the ark being on a cart. Therefore, he condoned this action. Uzzah did what he thought was right in his own heart rather than doing the will of God. As a result of his action Uzzah was killed. How many people worship God in various ways because they think it is right? Some will use instruments in worship. Others would have women serving in and even leading in worship. There are certainly other things that occur such as separating the assembly i.e., children's church, some are not meeting out of fear. All of this is against God's instruction and is sin. Jesus said in Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." It is so important that one makes sure that they do what God says in regards for all one does.

Thinking about this painful lesson Uzzah failed to do what God had commanded and he lost his life. He served as the object lesson for those he was with. When David had seen what God did to Uzzah his first reaction was being angry with God. Then David went on to fear the Lord. As a result of this new respect for God, David repented of what he did. One can see the fruits of David's repentance because now when they moved the ark they carried it. It is so important that one take the Bible's example Uzzah, David, and even others and learn from them. They learned a hard and painful lesson, so we do not have to. However, if we do not learn from their mistakes and do things according to our own ways then we too will pay the price.