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I Chronicles 13:12, “*And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God [home] to me?*”

When David was returning the ark of God back home from the Philistines, they put the ark upon a new cart. No doubt they meant this as a sign of respect for the ark. As they were carrying the ark, the oxen stumbled, and Uzza put forth his hand to steady the ark. He was struck dead by the LORD.

Though they probably meant well by using a new cart and Uzza was trying to keep the ark of God from falling off the cart, they disobeyed the LORD. The LORD had told them much earlier in the law of Moses how to carry the ark. We are told in Exodus 37:14-15, “<sup>14</sup>*And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. <sup>15</sup>The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.*”

Some today feel they can add to or take away from the pattern of worship to the LORD and still be pleasing to Him. Some might say that the LORD did not tell them to not carry the ark on a cart. He didn't have to. He told them how He wanted the ark carried. This

ruled out all other methods. He wanted it carried upon the shoulders of the Levites.

The LORD has told us the type of music He wants in worship. That rules out all else. He wants us to sing and make melody in our hearts. Ephesians 5:19, “*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.*”

The LORD has told us what washes away our sins and saves us. Acts 22:16, “*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*” I Peter 3:21, “*The like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*”

All we do in worship and service to the LORD must follow the pattern. Even if our hearts and intentions are good, to change and go from the pattern that has been laid out for us in the Bible is sin. We cannot please the LORD and change what He has commanded us to do.

David asked how he could bring the ark of God home? Since it was obvious he could not carry it on a cart, he wondered how he could carry it. The answer was found in the word of God. In I Chronicles 15:2 we are told, “*Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.*”

We are not told specifically how David came to this knowledge. Either he or someone else looked in the law of God and found out. Let's also look deeply into the Bible and see if what we are doing does follow the pattern the LORD has left for us. That is the only way we can please the LORD and obtain eternal life.

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Sunday 9am,10am,12pm; 6pm (Online) — Wednesday 6pm (Online)

# News

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Richard and Meg Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Rick Gibbs, Sandy Duncan, Jerry Reynolds, Betty Franklin, Lauren Candela, Alice Vanderstoep, Jeff Burd and Carol Riffle.**

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Jeremiah 1:9, “*Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.*”

Just three verses before the above verse, Jeremiah told the LORD he could not speak. He told the LORD he was a child. I think we often picture the prophets of the Bible as old with long gray beards. Jeremiah was young enough that he considered himself a child. He didn’t think he could speak.

The LORD looks not on the age of a person, whether they be young or old. Before Jeremiah was even born, The LORD knew and sanctified him and ordained him to be a prophet. Jeremiah 1:5, “*Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, [and] I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.*”

Don’t wait to do the work of the LORD. Talk to others at school or wherever you might be. When we let the LORD “touch” our mouths by studying His word, then we have the right words to influence friends and family. Jeremiah 1:7, “*...Say not, I am a child...*”

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Sunday, October 20, 2024		
Classes	11	Luke 17:1-10
Preaching	21	Matthew 25:1-13
Contribution	\$1054.00	
Afternoon	9	Revelation 1:10-20; Genesis 24:49-67

## Bible Quiz

One like unto the Son of man had what in His right hand?

Last Week’s Answer—Omega (Revelation 1:8)

<sup>12</sup>*Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.* <sup>13</sup>*And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, [be] unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

—Revelation 5:12-13

## —God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)