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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 no doubt all 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, “¹⁴*And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.* ¹⁵*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.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, Erin Davis, Leon Seaton and Frances Kidd.**

—Our evening service tonight will be at 5:00 p.m. at the home of **Sandy and Mitch Duncan.** This will be our yearly chili supper and hayride. We will have worship at 5:00 p.m. with the meal to follow.

—Our mid-week Bible study this week will be on Tuesday, October 30, 6:00 p.m. There will be no service on Wednesday evening.

—Next Sunday evening our service time reverts back to 4:00 p.m. for the duration of Standard Time. Sunday evening is the only service that will change time.

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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.*”

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Sunday, October 21, 2018		
Classes	14	Hebrews 6:1-6
Preaching	31	Ezekiel 8-10
Contribution	\$652.00	
Evening	14	Matthew 4:1-11
Wednesday, October 24, 2018		
Classes	19	I Chronicles 16:1-43

Visitors— Oct 21 (AM) Beverly Gossett & James Lang (Cave City, KY)

Bible Quiz

How long did Jesus fast?

Last Week's Answer— The ark of God (I Chronicles 15:2)

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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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—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)