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WM - BEN WRIGHT - DAVID AND THE ARK

WM - BEN WRIGHT - ARE YOU HAPPY TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

WOSPEL MEETING AT TIDWELL'S CHAPEL MAY 1-5**WOSPEL MEETING AT CURRY MAY 1-4**

**READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- 1 CHRONICLES 17-20; MON- 21-23; TUES- 24-26;
WED- 27-29; THURS- 2 CHRONICLES 1-4; FRI- 5-7; SAT- 8-11; SUN- 12-16**

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SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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DAVID AND THE ARK

(1 Chronicles 15:12-15)

There is a _____ way to do the Lord's will.

- A. In this case there was a right way to carry the _____.
- B. God had laid out how He wanted the ark _____ and that was the only way it was to be done.
- C. Today, God has said He is to be _____ in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
- D. The New Testament _____ what the right manner is.

I. We must do right and not what _____ right.

- A. I am sure that it seemed right to David to place the ark on a new _____.
- B. I am sure that it seemed right to _____ to touch the ark to keep it from falling.
- C. Today, it seems right to people to add _____ to worship.
- D. God requires us to what is right _____ to Him and not to us.
- E. We need to better understand the law of _____.

II. _____ is no excuse.

- A. It seems that David was ignorant of God's _____ concerning transportation of the ark.
- B. God still _____ the sin that took place.
- C. Someone may say, "I _____ knew" on the day judgment.
- D. That is not a _____ reason for breaking God's law.

V. _____ results when we go our own way.

- A. Uzza _____ because David wanted things done his way.
- B. When you and I add to or take from what God has commanded we _____ (Revelation 22:18-19).
- C. What a tragedy it would be to lose our souls going about things the way we want to when God has laid out the _____ way for us.

7. God _____ us when we do things His way.

- A. Notice 1 Chronicles 15:26.
 - 1. When the Levites did what was right God _____ them.
 - 2. Whatever it was, God _____ them for doing things His way.
- B. When we do things God's way, He blesses us with _____ blessings (Ephesians 1:3).
- C. When we live faithfully for Him, meaning carrying out His will in His way, we will receive the _____ of life (2 Timothy 4:8).

It is possible for one to have a false sense of security because one is religious. While being religious might be good a thing, merely being dedicated to a religion will not save one from sin. The New Testament makes that point abundantly clear.

On the occasion of John chapter 3, Jesus had a conversation with a religious man whose name was Nicodemus. The Bible says that Nicodemus was a “man of the Pharisees” and that he was a “ruler of the Jews” (John 3:1). The Pharisees were a very strict sect of the Jews, a sect that is referred to in Scripture as a “religion.” Before the apostle Paul became a Christian, he had lived as a Pharisee. After Paul was converted to Christ, he said to King Agrippa, “that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee” (Acts 26:5). Did you notice what Paul said he was part of before he became a Christian? He stated that he had been part of a “religion,” the religion of the Pharisees. Therefore, the Pharisee named Nicodemus of John chapter 3 was a “religious” man before he came to Jesus.

However, it is interesting to consider what Jesus said to Nicodemus, the Pharisee. The Lord said to him, “Ye must be born again” (John 3:7). Notice that Jesus used the word “must” to show the necessity of being born again. The Lord knew that Nicodemus was a religious man, but that was not sufficient to save Nicodemus from his sins. Consequently, Jesus insisted that the religious Pharisee be born again.

We learn from this passage that merely being religious will not save. One may be sincere, dedicated to a religion, have strong moral convictions, but not be born again. Being part of a religion is not the same as being born again. This means that being part of a religion is not the same as being forgiven because sins are not forgiven until one has been born again (1 Peter 1:22-25). It is imperative, therefore, that we all ask ourselves, “Have I been born again?”

But what is involved in being born again? Jesus said, “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:5). In order to be born of water” and “Spirit” today, one must follow the teachings of the Holy Spirit revealed in the New Testament and be baptized in water for the remission of sins (James 1:18; Acts 2:14-17). Have you been born again? Being religious might be good; being born again saves.