

- No evening service next week (Mother’s Day) - good time for Q & A
 - I am better at checking my phone/email (once every 2 weeks) than suggestion box
 - The question could have been in there for ages...sorry
 - So I do have a head start on “stump the chump” - (two good questions)
 - Sally will probably stump me anyway... if she gets a chance
- 2 Samuel 6 – Why did God strike down Uzzah just because he steadied the Ark? He was just trying to help. Why did God kill Uzzah for protecting the Ark?
 - Anyone ever considered naming their kid “Uzzah”?
 - This account is an example of doing the wrong thing with the right motives
 - He tried to help but he was forbidden to touch the Ark. (irreverent – 2 Sam. 6:7)
 - It is also an example of leaders being held to account
 - Leaders are judged more strictly because of a greater responsibility – James 3:1
 - Background / context
 - David just became king.....in Jerusalem....wanted to bring Ark to Jerusalem
 - Done with great fanfare...praise...top notch celebration – 2 Sam. 6:5-7
 - Put Ark on new cart....big parade...praise music...celebration...oxen stumble
Uzzah (priest) steadies with hand – God killed him - David angry & scared
 - 1 Chron. 13 is the parallel passage
 - There were established laws regarding the Ark
 - It was built with rings for carrying with poles - Ex. 25:14-15
 - It was only to be carried by a certain priestly family - Numbers 4:15 – “touch & die”
 - It was to be covered and not looked at when transported - Numbers 4:20
 - They had a good idea but they did it in a wrong way
 - On a cart....??uncovered???.....not carried with poles....touched by human
 - 1 Chron. 15:11-15
 - These are examples of acceptable and unacceptable praise/celebration
 - God doesn’t accept unlawful service even if done w/ sincere motives
 - God holds leaders to a high standard and they are subject to strict judgment
 - Nadab & Abihu ^{Lev. 10}...Moses....Uzzah...man of God from Judah – 1 Kings 13
 - Fruitful comparison to 1 Samuel 5& 6
 - The Philistines took the Ark - plague in towns
 - Sent it back on a new cart pulled by milk cows who had just calved
 - They place golden rats and tumors in box by the Ark
 - When the Jews saw it returned...they rejoiced and celebrated
 - Curiosity killed the cat - they opened it – God killed 50,070
 - Romans 2:12
- What things were dropped since Jesus came on the scene? What is old about the OT
 - Many in the church say the OT is obsolete (need to unhitch ourselves- problematic/embarrassing)
 - Outside the church mock - Pres. Obama mocked Bible believers - “do you eat shell fish....touch a football...?” this argument prevalent with those who take an eraser to the Bible.
“Condemnation against homosexuality no longer applies because we eat pork and have mixed fabrics...etc”

- Matt. 5:17-19
 - Nothing is done away with...All is in effect....All is fulfilled in Christ
 - The NT saint has a different relationship to the law but doesn't erase the law
 - Rom. 3:31 Rom. 8:4 1 Cor. 9:21 1 John 5:3
 - New covenant = Law written on hearts – Heb. 8:10
 - Not to add to or take away from God's law/Word
 - Deut. 4:2; 12:32 Prov. 30:5-6 Rev. 22:18-19
- All that I have said is true but there is a distinction between Old and New Testaments
 - Some try to make a distinction between ceremonial law and moral law
 - Nice try...maybe helpful....don't see it ^{put side by side} ...God's law is God's law
 - All of God's law is holy, righteous, true and profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and training in righteousness. Rom. 7:12 1 Tim. 3:16-17
 - Jesus fulfilled all the law for His people - moral, ceremonial, sacrificial
 - What has changed?
 - God's law went from: External to Internal....and....Ethnic to Ethic
- The change was from a focus on an Ethnic People to a Ethic Principle
 - God taught His ethnic people with spiritual lesson embedded into everyday life
 - Laws about: Food, clothes, animals, clean/unclean, being a holy people...
 - There is an ethical principle embedded in every law given to God's ethnic people
 - We don't take the eraser to anything...we use the magnifier on everything
 - It no longer just words on a page but it is now inscribed in our hearts by the Spirit as His ethical people
 - Circumcision 1 Cor. 7:19 (still keep law) Rom. 2:28-29 – (now internal) Gal. 6:15 – (new creation)
 - Animals - clean and unclean - split hoof & chew cud - parable in an animal
 - Your walk & talk have to match and be right or you are an unclean animal.
 - Practice what you preach or you are just a whitewashed tomb
 - Clothes don't mix fabrics (many laws forbidding mixture)
 - We are not to be mixed up with the world...not dress like the world
 - Christian dress is still to be: appropriate, modest & gender specific – 1 Tim. 2:9
 - We are still to be a peculiar people...holy people...ethically dressed
 - “Don't muzzle and ox that is treading out the grain” 1 Cor. 9:8-9, 11, 14
 - This law not primarily concerned with oxen (we eat the animals) - pay your pastor
 - A lesson from everyday farm life – don't make it hard on the animal working hard to give you food
 - We still offer sacrifices in the NT
 - Jesus is The Sacrifice. Ours are: - Rom. 12:1-2 Phil 2:17 Phil 4:18 Heb. 13:15-16
 - Food
 - Unclean food is food that is not prayed over - 1 Tim. 4:4-5
 - Unbelievers eat in an unclean way You can tell a Christian by how they eat - 1 Cor. 10:31
 - All foods are now “clean” because part of the lesson on unclean animals/food was the defilement of the gentiles (ethnic) Acts 10:9-15; 28 Mark 7:18-28
- The change was from Ethnic to Ethic and from External to Internal
 - Don't erase any of it but magnify all of it under the spiritual microscope
 - There is an embedded spiritual principle in every “archaic” law – Ps. 119:118 Is. 42:21