Uzza – A “Good” Man?

Our Perspective:

- Why the extreme response to such a “small thing?”
  - (Lot’s wife, Ananias & Sapphira)
- Why would God kill someone for doing something “good?”

God’s Perspective:

- Violation of God’s law is not a “small thing.”
- God alone defines what is “good” – Not man!
- God caused what was truly “good” to come from Uzza’s death
- Happiness and pure joy come from obedience to God

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This was not a “small” or “good thing”

- Exodus 25
  - Constructed to be carried (v12-14)
  - “There I will meet with you” (v.22)
- Numbers 4
  - Who and how to move the ark
  - Consequences for touching it (v15)
  - Consequences for seeing it (v19-20)
  - Compare Hebrews 10:19-22
- Numbers 7:1-6, 9
  - No carts for the sons of Kohath
  - God provided for their success

Points to Ponder:

- *How much importance do we place on what God considers to be holy?*
- *How seriously do we take God’s will?*

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God Alone Defines What is "Good"

- The Story (I Chronicles 12 & 13)
  - 300,000 men came to make David King of Israel (12:38-40)
  - David's first instinct, unite the people around God and restore what was holy (12:3).
  - This was a good thing!!
- David's Approach
  - "If it seems good to you and if it is from the Lord our God" (12:1-2)

Man cannot make the final determination about the will of God!

- Proverbs 14:12 – There is a way which <u>seems right to a man</u>, but its end is the way of death
- Jeremiah 10:23 – Man's way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his own steps
- Isaiah 55:6-9

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What was truly "good" about this?

- David's Initial Response
  - Anger (v.11)
  - Fear (v.12)
  - David abandoned what was "good"

- David's Ultimate Response
  - Sought God's Will
    - Against the Philistines – 14:9, 13
    - Carrying the ark – 15:2
  - Accepted Responsibility for Their Actions
    - "We did not seek Him" (15:12-13)

Points to Ponder:

- *How significant was the death of Uzza to David's leadership of his people before God?*

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True Joy comes from True Goodness

- I Chronicles 15:25-28
  - Joy because God was helping them
- The first psalm of Asaph – 16:7-36