

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why was Uzzah smitten, considering his good intentions? How does this principle apply to us?
2. How does a person become qualified to work for the Lord? Stay qualified?
3. What happens to a person's qualification for service if he/she returns to sin?
4. Was God's punishment of Uzzah too severe? Why or why not?

SUMMARY:

One of the most important things a person must do if he wants to serve God is to become spiritually qualified. Uzzah tried to serve God in a way he could not handle and the results were disastrous. Life could be equally disastrous for us if we do not center our lives in the will of God. If we do this, we are then qualified for service. Then, serving God can be a great blessing as it was in the lives of David and Obadiah.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

April 25, 2010

Second Quarter

JUDGMENT AND JOY

LESSON TEXT: *2 Samuel 6:1-19; Psalm 132:7-10*

LESSON SETTING: God had appointed David King of Israel and had given him the victory over the Philistines.

TIME: Approximately 1048 B.C.

I. **THOUGHTLESS IRREVERENCE.** 2 Samuel 6:1-11

- A. Doing God's Work (vs. 1-2) 2 Chronicles 13:6; Mark 13:34; 1 Corinthians 15:58
- B. Our Own Way (vs. 3-6) 1 Samuel 15:13-22
- C. Result of Irreverence (v 7-11) Luke 15:19; Genesis 2:17

II. **JOYOUS OBEDIENCE.** 2 Samuel 6:12-19

- A. Humble Beginning (vs. 12-13) Matthew 3:14; Matthew 6:8; 18:4
- B. Criticism by Others (vs. 14-16) Matthew 9:11; 12:1-2
- C. Rewards of Obedience (vs. 17-19) Exodus 19:5; 1 Kings 3:3; Revelation 22:14

III. **SINCERE PETITION.** Psalm 132:7-10

- A. Consistency (vs. 7) 1 Thessalonians 4:12; James 3:13
- B. Receiving Blessing (vs. 8-10) Proverbs 10:22; Luke 1:28

GOLDEN TEXT: *WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT, BUT JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING.* Psalm 30:5

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 2 Samuel 7:1-29

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Genesis 22:9-19; Isaiah 28:13-16;
Ephesians 2:11-22

QUARTERLY THEME: David the King

TOPIC: GOD'S FAITHFUL PROMISE

INTRODUCTION:

The promises of God are the basis for the hopes and many of the joys of the Christian. We actually live in hope. Were it not for the promises of God, we would have nothing to look forward to, and nothing to live for. We would live in constant uncertainty and fear; not knowing what to expect, fearing each day that we might fall.

God well knew that we couldn't live for Him under such circumstances. So in love He filled His Word with wonderful promises—to keep us; hear our prayers; give strength and grace for victory; guide us into all truth, etc., and finally bring us into eternal joy with Him. On these promises we rest all our hopes, for life and for eternity.

But some will say, "it is foolish to put ALL your hopes on these promises; they are too uncertain." To this an experienced Christian will simply answer that the only thing in the world that really is certain is God's faithfulness. We know this to be true because of the records of the past, and by experiences of others and ourselves. God does not fail: He never has failed: indeed, HE CANNOT FAIL. ^[SoF:1,2]

CENTRAL TRUTH: The unchanging God is the Author of covenants and promises that cannot be broken. ^[SoF:1]

GOLDEN TEXT: *THERE HATH NOT FAILED ONE WORD OF ALL HIS GOOD PROMISES.* 1 Kings 8:56

These were the words of King Solomon at the dedication of the new Temple. The very life of Solomon was a fulfillment of God's promises to David (2 Samuel 7:15). The temple itself was evidence of God's faithfulness (2 Samuel 7:13). God made many promises to His people Israel through Abraham, Moses, and David, and "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise."

Bear in mind, however, that promises of God are conditional in almost every case. There were promises of cursing as well as blessing, according to the disobedience or obedience of those involved.

Many of God's promises to Israel as well as to us are yet to be fulfilled. We can be assured that if God said He would do something, HE WILL do it. May this truth affect our daily living to the honor of God, and to our eternal joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 26 – May 2

- M. *God's Promises are Sure. 2 Samuel 7:1-29
- T. God's Promises are Faithful. Psalm 89: 1-10
- W. God's Promises are Mighty. Psalm 89:11-18
- T. God's Promises are Unfailing. Psalm 89:19-37
- F. God's Promises are Sovereign. Romans 4:13-21
- S. God's Promises are Irrevocable. Hebrews 6:13-20
- S. God's Promises are Eternal. Titus 1:1-4

^[SoF:1] We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, and is the complete, infallible Word of God.

^[SoF:2] We believe that there is one God who is without beginning or end.