

Unlawful Subtraction

1. Observing the Feast of Booths

1. The people ask for the book of the law that it may be read (Nehemiah 8:1).
2. They found that they needed to dwell in booths in the seventh month (Nehemiah 8:13-14).
 1. It just so happened to be the seventh month when they were reading this (8:2).
 2. They were reading Leviticus 23:39-44.
3. These followed the words, gathering the branches and building the booths (Nehemiah 8:15-16).
4. They had not done this since the days of Joshua (Nehemiah 8:17).
 1. Nobody had a grandparent or great grandparent that took them in the seventh month to build the booths.
 2. They had not kept this part of God's law for about 1,000 years.
5. How did they restore the practice that God commanded which had been neglected for a thousand years? They went back to the commandment in the Bible and practiced it.

2. God's word stands true

1. **Isaiah 40:8** "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."
2. **Jeremiah 6:16** "Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"
3. We can always go back to the word of God and see what God desires from us.
4. We must go back to the source of the fountain to drink the pure water, not the water influenced by man.

Journey To Jesus



Lesson Twelve

Back To The Way

Outline

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Nadab And Abihu

- 1. Nadab and Abihu offered God fire that was not authorized**
 1. Leviticus 10:1
 2. Maybe it was special fire or maybe they had a talent for building fire.
- 2. How were they rewarded for their deed?**
 1. Leviticus 10:2
 2. "But God they were giving you something from the heart!"
- 3. Were there words of God that could have avoided their deaths?**
 1. They were not to offer strange intense (Exodus 30:8-9).
 2. There was a specific place the priests were to get the goals (Leviticus 16:12).
- 4. What do my actions tell God when I don't give him what he asks for?**
 1. Leviticus 10:3
 2. Those that come before God must treat him as Holy (Set apart), and he must be glorified (to be heavy, valuable, praiseworthy).
 3. When do I not bring God what he wants I am treating Him as a common god with no value.
- 5. They were the right boys in the right place with the right censers and incense but they had the wrong fire.**

Uzzah And The Ark

- 1. The ark of the covenant had been in the hands of the Philistines and now it is in the hands of the Israelites.**
- 2. They did a very commendable action putting the ark of God on a new cart (1 Chronicles 13:7).**
 1. 1 Chronicles 13:9.
 2. Numbers 4:15.
 3. 1 Chronicles 13:10.
- 3. I thought that Uzzah was just trying to help why would God strike him down?**
- 4. God's words could have prevented Uzzah's death**
 1. Numbers 4:15.
 2. The blueprint for transporting the ark.
 1. Exodus 25:9-14.
 2. Deuteronomy 10:8
 3. The cars and who they belonged to (Numbers 7:3-9).
 4. They had inspiration as to how to transport the ark.
- 5. David was displeased with God but has a change of heart**
 1. 1 Chronicles 13:11-12.
 2. David must have consulted the word of God.
 1. None should carry the ark but levites (15:2).
 2. He told the sons of Kohath that they were to bring up the ark (15:12).
 3. David admits they did not follow the ancient order of things (15:13).
 4. Followed the commandments (15:15).
 5. They did what God's works said to do and restored the practice to the way it belonged.
 6. What Moses wrote centuries before still applied to David and the people of his day.