

**News and Current Events :: Largest mass killing in US history takes place in Las Vegas****Largest mass killing in US history takes place in Las Vegas , on: 2017/10/2 20:51**

Several hours ago a gunman opened fire on several thousand people attending a music festival in Las Vegas. As of right now fatalities are at 59. And Approximately 525 people were wounded, some critically.

Link to article below from New York Times.

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/10/02/us/las-vegas-shooting.html>

It can be easy for us to judge the situation and say it took place in Sin City Las Vegas. Perhaps some might even say that those in Las Vegas deserved this. But keep in mind this tragedy could have taken place in any city in America. The fact of the matter is tonight there are those who are mourning the loss of loved ones and friends.

Let us remember those impacted by this tragedy in Las Vegas. Let us pray those in this tragedy will find the comfort of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray that they will repent and come to Him. But let us also pray that the church in America wakes up. We cannot continue to stick our heads in the sand and ignore the disasters of Houston, Florida, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and so on.

Jesus said in Luke 13 that unless we repent we will likewise perish. Let us pray that the church in Las Vegas does rise up and pray and cry out for repentance and revival. Yes there are believers in Las Vegas. Everywhere God always has a remnant. Let us pray that that remnant will rise up and be the Light of Christ in the midst of this tragedy.

May God have mercy on us all. Let the church in America wake up and start crying out to God for His mercy. Let us start crying out for a movement of the Holy Spirit. For a movement of repentance and holiness. Let us start crying out in prayer that the church will truly be the Light of Christ in the darkness that is fast sleeping over this nation.

Right now my heart is heavy for what has taken place in Las Vegas. But I hear the spirit say there will be more heartache ahead. I can't help but think that more tears will be shed before everything is said and done.

Dear Jesus please have mercy on us.

Posted by Blaine Scogin

Re: Largest mass killing in US history takes place in Las Vegas - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/10/2 21:13

A very sad day for Western people. Evil is triumphing it seems.

WATCH: President Trump Leans on Psalm 34:18 After Deadliest Mass Shooting in US History

<https://www.charismanews.com/politics/67541-watch-president-trump-leans-on-psalm-34-18-after-deadliest-mass-shooting-in-us-history>

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Re: , on: 2017/10/2 22:20

Link to CBN article where a young man says he went into the concert being an agnostic and comes out believing in God.

<http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2017/october/lsquo-i-rsquo-m-a-firm-believer-in-god-now-rsquo-emotional-las-vegas-s-hooting-survivor-says-he-rsquo-s-no-longer-agnostic-mdash-here-rsquo-s-why>

Let us pray that many more will find Christ in the midst of this tragedy.

Blaine

Re: , on: 2017/10/3 7:37

When I read about all these mass killings, natural disasters, rumors of destruction of America from nuclear attack, homo sexuality, etc., I am reminded of a series that Dan Biser conducted on the judgement of God on America and western churches. The series references a lot of scripture, find links below:

â€œJUDGMENT

Judgment - a divine sentence or calamity; a calamity sent by God.

Two choices are offered to a nation, a people (church), a family or an individual; one, 'to hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which He has commanded'; or 'to not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which He has commanded. The direct response of God is to the choice we make to do or not to do. If the choice is to do, then He has promised 'the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth'. But if the choice is to not do, then 'all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee'. This is found in Deuteronomy 28.

Can we afford not to choose His ways and obey? Yet, we see a nation and the church to be blatantly in disobedience against the ways and the Word of the Lord. The choices of the last few decades has allowed for the wrath of God to be unleashed on us. Within this year of 2011, we have seen record reports of destruction. And as much as they have tried to be explained away, they have been foretold to happen to any people that will not obey the word of the Lord.

Let us begin with what God has promised to do to any people or individual that disobeys His commands. We will look at the Scripture references in Deuteronomy 28 first...â€

<http://danbiser.blogspot.com/2011/10/judgment.html?m=1>

<https://danbiser.blogspot.com/2011/10/continued-judgment.html?m=0>

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2017/10/3 7:53

The true church of God in Christ is not in open disobedience to the Lord and His word and are not going to be judged. For the true church, judgment took place at Calvary. The apostate church and nation is another matter. The events in Las Vegas in no way have anything to do with judgment on the Lord's true church in my opinion. We need to bear this in mind now and in the days ahead. Being straitened and chastened and shut up to a greater degree of dependence on the Holy Spirit is different than being judged. Guilt and condemnation are not from God but from the god of this world whose main goal is to obscure the cross.

Perilous Times and Perilous Men..., on: 2017/10/3 7:55

We are living in the last days of Perilous Times and Perilous Men as what the Bible prophesied.. I am not surprise if the mass killing of people and terrorism attacks are on the rise because this world will not going better, but very downhill worst...

Re: , on: 2017/10/3 8:27

Hi David:

Maybe you are right, but shouldn't the true church have both the witness of the Spirit and sound doctrine to support your position? Could you please reference scriptures to support your claims and refute all the scriptures that Dan Biser quoted regarding God's judgement? Did you read the articles attached to the two links? This was a very difficult series for me and others to study, read and listen (i.e., Dan also preached on this series) and I oftentimes was very frustrated, angry and in doubt about God's judgement on the church as described in the series. But what if Dan Biser was anointed and called by God, along with many others, to warn the true church about His judgements on her, similar to how John warned the churches in Revelation? Yes, the judgement of God fell on Christ while on the cross and Jesus said it was finished, but later it is written in the epistles to the true church: "For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?" (1 Peter 4). And, in the beginning of the chapter: "1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you" (1 Peter 1).

KM

Re: Largest mass killing in US history takes place in Las Vegas , on: 2017/10/3 9:05

Saints:

Please find below a quote from the sermon "And they crucified Him by Art Katz":

"We have lost even the difference, the sense of the difference, between that which is sacred and that which is profane. I believe that God could lay at the door of the church the full responsibility for the present condition of the world. And the things over which we cluck our tongues and point our fingers and look disdain down our noses about are the things which can be attributed to us. For we have not established in the earth a standard and an alternative to which a dying world might have turned"

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=3278&commentView=itemComments>).

Also, very encouraging version of the sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XK1xpKRWyQ>

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2017/10/3 10:25

The people Brother Biser makes reference to are those who have deliberately decided to disobey God and His word and have brought a curse upon themselves instead of a blessing. They will be judged accordingly. God's true, real and since the saints have not chosen to deliberately disobey. Because of the cross they have passed from death and judgment. They are not perfect by any means and strive daily against sin but they are not going to receive a heaven sent calamity and disaster sent from God against them. They have passed from wrath. A backslidden nation and apostate church may receive such judgment but blood bought saints will not. I hear your heart and your burden but GUILT and CONDEMNATION toward the true church is not from God but from the enemy who is indeed guilty and condemned. I'm not meaning you are trying to bring guilt and condemnation. I would think you are trying to minister godly Holy Ghost conviction which leads to repentance and righteousness. Yet there are many "prophetic" voices in the land ministering guilt to the church instead of conviction.

The judgment spoken of by Peter as beginning at the house of God can also mean true discernment and wisdom begins at the house of God. The context bears this out.

A church being straitened, even disciplined, is still different in my opinion than a church being sent a calamity from God for the purpose of its destruction. We must learn to look fully again at what happened at Calvary.

Re: , on: 2017/10/3 12:57

Hi David:

I have no intentions to debate and it appears you have a particular view on God's judgment and discipline that does not include what you describe as the "true church." I.e., since she (true church) is obeying God in America and the West. I do not understand your usage of the "true church" and how it relates to the scriptures? I asked if you could 'please' reference scriptures to help keep the discussion around the Word of God and not solely our interpretation of it. So, I cannot continue a discussion of God's judgment if I do not understand the meaning regarding your definition of the church.

"27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way" (1 Cor. 12).

"2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1).

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood 6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father 7 to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

8 I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Rev. 1).

Do the above scriptures in Revelation speak about the judgment of God on the church?

When you say "true church," do you mean the real church? If so, doesn't God judge, discipline and correct His real church? Does His real church ever disobey and go their own way? If they do disobey and go their own way then what does the scriptures teach about how Christ deals with them?

KM

Re: , on: 2017/10/3 14:04

The distinction needs to be made between the "unbeliever" who will be judged because they are rebelling and disobeying God. And the "believer" who will be judged by persecution to be purified as unto Christ.

Blaine

Re: , on: 2017/10/3 14:35

Yes, it would be good to have a scriptural understanding of God's judgments on the church and the world. God is love and He judges out of love. A brother reminded me today that it is better for saints to be judged now to purify us than to not be prepared when we stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account for every idle word, etc. Christ wants us to mature and to overcome the evil one (1 John 2:14).

"19 "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. 20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. 21 "He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" (Rev. 3).

I thought of the following scriptural example of judgment on the believer as is found in 1 Cor. 5:

"Sexual Immorality Defiles the Church

1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

3 For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. 4 When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? 13 God judges those outside. ÆPurge the evil persons from among you.Æ

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2017/10/3 14:46

Persecution is judgment?

Re: , on: 2017/10/3 15:05

ÆÆÆ Persecution is judgment? ÆÆÆ

I do believe persecution is judgement in that it purifies His church. Å The writer of Hebrews says,

ÆÆÆ Å The Lord will judge his people.ÆÆÆ Heb. 10:30

Also Paul writes to the Thessalonians,

ÆÆÆ Å We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater;

therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.Å

This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.ÆÆÆ 2nd Thes. 1:3-5

In the passage about Paul seems to be equating persecution and the suffering of His people as a form of God's judgment upon His church. Å Not a judgement of punishment. But more a judgement of them being worthy of the kingdom of God.

Best Earthly analogy I can use to convey this would be one who has been judged in an athletic event. Å They compete in the event and if they win. They are judged as winners. And sometimes they are judge what they can go on and compete even in the Olympics. Granted the earthly analogy falls short of the spiritual analogy.

Anyway simply my thoughts.

Blaine Scogin

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2017/10/3 15:59

Hebrews 10:30 is addressed to believers who have trampled the Son of God underfoot and counted the blood of the covenant as a common thing and have insulted the Spirit of grace. That hardly fits the entire church at large. Context is important before using Hebrews 10:30 against the corporate church.

Re: , on: 2017/10/4 17:07

Saints: please find below excerpt on judgment by Richard Owen Roberts:

It Is Time for Judgment

Let's take the text now. Verse 17: "It is time for judgment to begin with the household of God." Some of us have a very inadequate understanding of Scripture because we have a very inadequate understanding of judgment. I'm regularly encountering people in the church, who, when the word judgment is used, think usually in terms of the future like the Great White Throne Judgment. This passage is not talking about something in the future. When the Bible speaks about the judgment of God, we need to be certain whether it is talking about something eschatological or something for the moment. In this passage, the judgment that is under consideration is something that occurs on a day by day basis.

"It is time for judgment"

That was written a long time ago, and Peter was sure that it was an appropriate time for judgment then. It is even more appropriate now. There is simply no escaping the fact that part and parcel of being a true believer is the issue of judgment. A major reason why we so desperately need revival is that the biblical subject of judgment has been set aside and treated as a matter of inconsequence for the believer.

But not only is the timing of judgment called to our attention here, but also the subjects of judgment are clearly pinpointed. As noted already, the place where judgment must begin: "It is time for judgment to begin with the household of God." In actual fact, if one has a very literal translation, they know that what this passage says is that the time has come for judgment to begin from the household of God. It is not something that is contained within the household of faith. It is something that begins there and moves on out. That is a very important aspect of the teaching of this passage.

We need to observe that the word under consideration here is judgment, not punishment. Christ already bore your punishment. The world is facing judgment in the sense of penalty. The judgment of the believers described here is for the purpose of refinement, purification. We can be greatly moved in a conference like this and set our hearts to be more pure. We may need some reminders in the days to come, and the Lord is going to use His judgments as reminders and aids.

When we're speaking of judgments that are concurrent with sin, we need to be thinking in three realms. First, every believer needs to learn to judge himself. The reason why we get such a pileup of iniquity within the church is because so many believers have failed to judge themselves.

Secondly, we must also think in terms of the church as the judge. It is God's plan that each church should judge its own people. You can barely say that before someone says, "My Bible says, 'Judge not lest ye be judged.'" My Bible says, "Judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). It says, "With what judgment you judge, you shall be judged" (Matt. 7:2). There is no hint in the Bible that we are not to judge. We dare not judge unfairly. We must not be more severe with others than we are with ourselves. So when we are thinking of judgment concurrent with sin, we are thinking of the individual judging himself; we're thinking in terms of the church judging the individual that won't judge himself. And obviously we are thinking in terms of God. If the individual won't judge himself and that individual's church won't judge him, God will.

Some of you pastors, if you're going to follow through on your engagement with God this week, are going to have to go home and exercise some judgments, first, on yourself. When you are right in every realm, then you're going to have to deal with some of those people in your church who need godly, gracious, loving, tender judgment. Judgment must begin with the household of faith.

Many of us are familiar with the passage of 1 Corinthians 11, starting with verse 27: "Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly. For this reason many among you are weak and sick and a number sleep. But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world."

If perpetually you will not judge yourself, there is strong reason to suppose that you're going to be judged along with the world because the repentant person who has the exchanged mind, has no interest in sin. Oh, he fails; he commits sin. He may work terrible iniquity, but he has the mind-set of the Spirit and he judges himself with severity lest he be judged along with the world. In First Corinthians 5:5, Paul is dealing with the immorality in the Corinthian Church and he sums it up by saying, "I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." My brothers in ministry, you in all likelihood have people in your church who need judgment so that their spirit may be chastened and their soul may be saved.

I want to give seven biblical examples of judgment. Before I do, I want to give you these summary kind of biblical statements. The first I am reading from Exodus 19:21: "The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down, warn the people, lest they break through to the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish. And also let the priests who come near to the Lord consecrate themselves, lest the Lord break out against them.'" That is what I want you to have in mind as we pursue this subject further: "Lest the Lord break out among them."

If I won't judge myself, and my church doesn't have the courage to judge me, I warn you, the Lord will break out among us! The Lord already has broken out among us! We've been seeing the hand of God in judgment for years now. There has been the withdrawal of the manifest presence of God. I mention Jeremiah, chapter 13, how that God, when He is grieved with the wickedness of His people when they will not judge themselves and one another, turns them over to a state of spiritual drunkenness. The judgments of God are manifold. Judge yourself. Judge appropriately others, lest the Lord break out among you.

Listen to these solemn words in Hebrews 12:25: "See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less shall we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven." The words cited a while ago, "lest the Lord break out among you" were words spoken on earth, but take care lest the voice of God from heaven warns, for our God is a consuming fire. Is it any wonder that the psalmist said in Psalm 119:26, "My flesh trembles for fear of thee, and I am afraid of thy judgments."

Let us again look at the text in verses 17 and 18: "Let judgment begin with the household of God and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome of those who do not obey the Gospel of God? And if it is with difficulty that the righteous are saved" or your version may say, "if the righteous are scarcely saved" That seems to imply: if they are just saved by the skin of their teeth, if they just barely make it. Would that not be a terrible statement against Christ? Is Christ's atoning work barely sufficient? No, it is altogether adequate. It is superabundant in its ability to save any and all. This passage is not dealing with believers just barely making it into the eternal Kingdom.

Look at the wording: "If the righteous" This text is suggesting: if those who have been made righteous, if those already justified, are still being saved with difficulty. What does it mean? Well, it's hard going judging yourself day in and day out, month after month, year after year, unceasingly judging yourself. It is even harder to judge others rightly. If the church will not judge itself, if judgment does not begin in the household of faith, the question is asked, what hope is there for the ungodly and the sinner? Do you realize the contribution the church has made to the eternal death of the unbelieving world, by our refusal to judge ourselves? By the refusal of the church to judge its people, we have made it increasingly difficult when it is already difficult enough, for the ungodly and the sinners to judge themselves.

Seven Illustrations

There are seven illustrations which are extremely consequential. The first is found in Leviticus 9 and 10. God had been meeting His people in a profoundly powerful fashion, and then two of Aaron's sons wanted to get in on the act. We read, "Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. And fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. Then Moses said to Aaron, 'It is what the Lord spoke saying, "By those who come near me I will be treated as holy, and before all the people I will be honored.'" The

se two brothers took strange fire. Somebody wants to know, "Were they really believers?" How do I know? They were sons of Aaron and they were in the priesthood. God demands that we all without any exceptions treat Him as holy, and God insists that before all the people we honor the Lord.

Some present the strange fire of jokes in the pulpit. Some use as illustrations stuff from the television the night before, and while they are there to call people from the world, they're feeding them the world, when they're supposed to be feeding them the Word of God. Strange fire.

God judged Moses for his loss of self-control. In the last verses of Deuteronomy, chapter 32 we read, "The Lord spoke to Moses that very same day, saying, go up to this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab opposite Jericho, and look at the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a possession. Then die on the mountain where you ascend, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, because you broke faith with me"

What did Moses do? God had said to him in the midst of a murmuring people, "Speak to the rock" (Nu. 20:8). But Moses was in an agitated spirit. He let the mean spiritedness and murmuring attitudes of the people touch him. So he grabbed hold of the rod and whacked the rock, and judgment fell on Moses. In Numbers 20:12 there is a powerful statement about this, and God said to Moses, "At this place, at the Waters of Meribah, where you were supposed to maintain my holiness before the people, you didn't maintain it. And now, Moses, I want you to understand, I'm going to maintain it. But I'll maintain it at your expense."

People who read these passages in Numbers and Deuteronomy ask, "Are you suggesting that Moses went to hell?" No, I'm not suggesting he went to hell. But that is no relief for anyone who has a change of mind, whose mind-set is the glory of God. If I steal from the glory of God, that's worse to the believer than going to hell, because the purpose of my existence has been defeated when I sin and rob God of His glory. May we have a renewed realization of our duty to maintain God's holiness before the people and to uphold His glory before all, and may our heart be set to maintain it so that God is not forced to maintain it at our expense. It's time for judgment to begin in the household of faith.

The third illustration is in Judges, chapters 13-16 the account of Samson. His birth was announced by angels. His parents were informed that he was to be a Nazarite from the womb, that he was to drink no strong wine, that he was to eat no unclean thing, and that his hair was not to be shaved. We read of times when the Spirit of God came upon him, but most of us remember that season in Samson's life when he fooled around with Delilah. Delilah made him sleep on her knees. She called a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair and she said, "The Philistines are upon you!" He woke from his sleep and roused himself, intending to go out and shake himself as before, but he didn't know the Spirit of the Lord had left him. I'm afraid lest some preacher here be in that circumstance of not knowing that the Spirit of the Lord has already left him. It is time for judgment to begin in the household of faith.

Place in your mind the story of Eli and his sons. The priest Eli grew grossly fat by eating the things his sons were forbidden to touch. Then came that day when he sat on his stool and news came that the ark of God had been taken by the Philistines, and this priest, Eli, fell backward off his stool and broke his neck. There was not a man of his descendants who lived to any age or who ever occupied that glorious position he held. He didn't judge himself, and God was forced to judge him.

Think of David. There is a long account of David in 1 Chronicles, chapters 13 through 17, and then a much shorter account in 2 Samuel, chapter 6, when David sought to bring the ark of God back to Jerusalem. A boy reached up to steady the ark when it hit the rough place in the road, and God struck the boy down. David was angry and he called the place "Perezuzzah" the Lord has made a breach on us. Why? Neither David nor the priest had judged themselves. David wanted to bring the Ark of God home, but he didn't go to the Scriptures to find out how to do it. Instead of carrying it on the shoulders of the Kohites, they built a new cart and carried it the way the Philistines did.

David did not maintain God's holiness among the people. God had to maintain it at David's expense. David was not struck dead. It was Uzzah. That's one of the amazing things about God. It may be someone near you who gets struck down because of your sin. God may have some higher purpose for you, as he had for David.

A sixth illustration is the King of Judah, Uzziah. He was 16 years of age when he became king. In his early days he did everything right in the sight of the Lord. God blessed him, and we read, "When he became strong, his heart was lifted up with pride." He wouldn't judge himself. God had to judge him. When he was in the Temple misbehaving, doing something he had no right to do, leprosy appeared on his forehead, and his kingly rule was over (2 Chron. 26:16-23).

Turn to Acts 5 and read afresh the story of Ananias and Sapphira. They agreed together to deceive the Church and the Lord. Brothers and Sisters, it is time for judgment to begin in the household of faith. It will be with great difficulty that we are saved, but if we choose the easy road instead of the hard road of holiness, what will happen to the ungodly and sinners? What will happen is happening! They are dying by the millions and a powerless Church under the judgment of God is unable to help them.

Is there some area of your life that needs judgment? Let us bow before God and judge ourselves and put away sin.

Edited from a message delivered at the "Heart-Cry for Revival" Conference near Asheville, North Carolina, April 9-12, 2002

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?view=article&aid=3655>

<http://rortrust.org/excerpts-/post/where-judgment-must-begin#comments>

Re: - posted by leyoung (), on: 2017/10/5 14:06

Blaine,

Not to deviate from the thread, but there was a worse massacre in America, the Mountain Meadows Massacre perpetrated by Brigham Young on some 120 Arkansas folks in the 1800's. And I'm sure there were many Indian massacres before that. Sin and evil has been present in America.

History bears that out. How does each generation respond?

Sis L

Re: Leslie, on: 2017/10/6 10:00

~~â€œâ€œâ€œ How does each generation respond? â€œâ€œâ€œ~~

Sis L

Dear sister I would imagine the response would be encapsulated in one word... REPENT...

Maybe there is something to 2nd Chronicles 7:14 that has been so over quoted. May God grant that we would repent and humble ourselves and turn from our sins in a spirit of humility.

Again simply my thoughts.

Blaine