

We Ought to Avoid Disobeying God

(Acts 5:29)

Introduction:

1. This verse records the first part of the apostles' response as they were interrogated by the high priest before the Jewish council.
2. This morning we covered passages that emphasize how "*we ought to obey God.*"
3. This evening we are taking a different approach -- we are covering passages that emphasize how "*we ought to avoid disobeying God.*"
4. We are examining 3 Bible characters who disobeyed God's instructions so we can avoid their mistake.

Discussion:

- I. LET US EXAMINE THE DISOBEDIENCE OF MOSES (Numbers 20)
 - A. On this occasion when the people needed water, God told Moses what to do (vs.1-8).
 - B. The response of Moses is recorded in vs.9-11.
 - C. God did not allow Moses to enter the Promised Land (vs.12-13).
- II. LET US EXAMINE THE DISOBEDIENCE OF A PROPHET (1 Kings 13)
 - A. (vs.1-3) God sent this prophet to deliver a message to Jeroboam.
 - B. (vs.7-10) God gave this prophet some instructions to follow.
 - C. (vs.15-19) Another prophet gave him some different instructions that he followed.
 - D. (vs.20-26) The prophet who disobeyed was killed by a lion.
- III. LET US EXAMINE THE DISOBEDIENCE OF UZZA (1 Chronicles 13)
 - A. (vs.1-6) David and the leaders of Israel decided to move the Ark of the Covenant.
 - B. (vs.7) The Ark was transported on a new cart driven by Uzza and Ahio.
 1. The Ark was to be carried by the sons of Kohath (Numbers 7:9).
 2. Touching any holy thing was forbidden (Numbers 4:15).
 - C. (vs.9-10) Uzza died when he touched the Ark to steady it.
 - D. (vs.11-12) David was upset and asked how he should move the ark.
 - E. He found his answer and realized his mistake (1 Chronicles 15:2, 11-15).

Conclusion:

1. Let us remember the lessons we have studied today.
2. We ought to:
 - a. obey God
 - b. avoid disobeying God.