Do EVERY THING Better for God

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RESTORING PROPER ORDER – 2 Samuel 6

The Lord is a God of order (1 Cor. 14:33, 40), and this is because he is righteous and holy in every single way (Ps. 145:17). The world and its system are at enmity with God (Jas. 4:4), and as time keeps progressing in this Laodicean church age its influence on the whole of Christianity is growing stronger and stronger. It is becoming very common to meet people that profess the name of Jesus Christ, claim to love the Lord, attend a church, read their Bible, and have a semi-moral life but actually live a very self-centered, self-driven, and self-fulfilling lifestyle. They will follow the Lord, but it is on their own terms, and they may not even realize it... and the truth is, this can be every one of us at any time! When left unchecked with no biblical accountability, our heart is very willing to settle for what is good or better rather than what is best. This is why we need to learn to seek the Lord, remember who we really are, consider who we belong to, and humbly evaluate if we are truly doing every thing better for God.

<u>1 Corinthians 6:19-20</u> – 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1. Proper order is established – Exodus-Joshua

- a. Exodus Redemption is through the blood of the spotless lamb
- b. <u>Leviticus</u> Worship the Lord in the wilderness (the tabernacle)
- c. Numbers Disobedience leads to wandering in the wilderness
- Deuteronomy Obedience to the Lord must be out of love
- e. <u>Joshua</u> Receive and possess the inheritance by the leadership of Joshua (Jesus)

2. Disorder is allowed to reign – Judges-1 Samuel 6

- a. Biblical _____ does not occur Jdg. 2:6-15; Deut. 6:17-25
- b. Every man does that which is right in his own eyes Jdg. 17:6; 21:25; Prov. 21:2
- c. Relationship with God becomes a ______, and it fails 1 Sam. 3:1-4; 4:1-11; Tts. 1:16

- 3. Proper order is re-established 2 Samuel 2-6

 a. _______ to the anointed king is established 2 Sam. 2:4; 5:3; Ps. 51; Lk. 18:13
 b. Seeking the Lord is prioritized 2 Sam. 5:19, 23; Matt. 6:21, 33; Prov. 23:26; 4:23
 c. The _______ of God is properly restored

 i. 1st attempt is out of order 2 Sam. 6:1-11; 1 Chr. 13:1-14
 ii. 2nd attempt is after the proper order 2 Sam. 6:12-23; 1 Chr. 15:2, 13, 29

 d. Rest is given by God 2 Sam. 7:1; Matt. 11:28; Jn. 14:27; 2 Thess. 3:16
 e. ______ is given by God 2 Sam. 8:6, 14; Prov. 3:5-7; Ps. 119:105
 - f. Judgment and justice are executed 2 Sam. 8:15; Jn. 7:24; Prov. 24:23
 - g. Ministering to others became possible and powerful 2 Sam. 9:1, 7; 2 Tim. 2:2; 1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Tim. 4:16

CONCLUSION:

As we walk with the Lord in this life, disorder will occur... the question is, what are we going to do about it when it happens? We can choose to excuse it away, allow the enemy to gain a foothold, make provision for our flesh, and allow glory to be stolen away from our God, OR we can choose to humble ourselves, submissively draw near to our gracious God, and restore proper order to do every thing better for God.