

Can You Improve God?

Some people sure think they can improve God and His word. Nadab and Abihu offered *"strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not."* It was *"unauthorized"* (ESV). Because of this decision, *"they died before the Lord"* (Leviticus 10:1-2). Uzzah, even though he had the best of intentions, could not improve on God and His word. *"And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart"* (2 Samuel 6:3) Moses had been very specific in instructing how He wanted His ark carried (Numbers 7:1-9; 18:3). The Bible says, *"And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God"* (2 Samuel 6:6-7). Uzzah died because he thought He could change the instructions of God, and David later realized his mistake (1 Chronicles 15:12-15).

God has said all through the scriptures to respect what He said (Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Joshua 1:7; Proverbs 30:5-6; Matthew 15:9; Galatians 1:6-9; Revelation 22:18-19). Many believe that whatever God has revealed can be made better, but God is all-knowing and all-powerful. Hannah prayed, *"Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed"* (1 Samuel 2:3). God is love and truth. Man is finite and will sin (Romans 3:23). What we really need is a devotion to getting back to the principle of following the Bible, and not try to change God or improve His will.

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