

THERE IS NO RIGHT WAY TO DO THE WRONG THING!

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"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." {Proverbs 16:25}

Sadly, many in the religious world fail to understand this simple principle. They believe that cloaking their actions as good works that are being done with honesty and sincerity will make them acceptable to God. Let's consider a couple of Biblical examples that didn't work out too well.

Saul and Amalek. Amalek had troubled Israel when, as a new nation, Israel left Egypt. Now, many years later, God is going to send Saul and Israel's army to punish Amalek. Saul received a very plain message from God – destroy all things that draw the breath of life. {1 Samuel 15:1-3} Saul destroyed what he considered to be bad things but kept the best of the sheep and oxen, as well as the king. When Samuel confronted him about the matter, Saul loudly proclaimed, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD." {1 Samuel 15:14} Samuel knew better. He heard the noises of the animals! Saul sought to remedy the situation; he said, "...They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed." {1 Samuel 15:15} Saul had disobeyed God; and he had not been told to sacrifice at this time. God punished Saul. Because of his transgression, he lost his kingdom.

Uzzah and the ark. "Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God." {2 Samuel 6:7} We understand why Uzzah put his hand out to steady the ark. However, he was not of the tribe of Levi, and the ark was not to be touched. They were to carry it by using poles. Human reasoning can rationalize and justify Uzzah's actions. But God, who had given His law on the matter, saw it differently.

Unfortunately, man in his wisdom believes he can just make something wrong right by just doing something good with the wrong. Listen carefully. When we disobey God, no matter why or what we do, we will **ALWAYS BE WRONG!** ***