

# Doing Things God's Way!

Part 5 1 Samuel 6-7

The Ark had been captured by the enemy Philistines (4). And after some miraculous events (Dagon event) and God's judgments (tumors, rats) (5) they eagerly want to return it to Israel. (6)

- God can \_\_\_\_\_ of His own stuff!!!!
- God is gracious and compassionate when unbelievers are "\_\_\_\_\_."
- It's SAD when unbelievers have more \_\_\_\_\_ for the things of God than believers!

## Five Steps to Doing Things God's Way!

### 1. There Must Be A \_\_\_\_\_ For God and the Things of God. (6:17-21)

*<sup>19</sup> But the LORD killed seventy men from Beth-shemesh because they looked into the Ark of the LORD. And the people mourned greatly because of what the LORD had done. <sup>20</sup> "Who is able to stand in the presence of the LORD, this holy God?" they cried out. "Where can we send the Ark from here?" <sup>21</sup> So they sent messengers to the people at Kiriath-jearim and told them, "The Philistines have returned the Ark of the LORD. Come here and get it!"* 1 Samuel 6:19-21

*Who is able to stand in the presence of the LORD, this holy God?* The starting place of **Revival!**  
"Did God really say?" (Genesis 3)

### 2. There Must Be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord. (7:1-2)

*So the men of Kiriath-jearim came to get the Ark of the LORD. They took it to the hillside home of Abinadab and ordained Eleazar, his son, to be in charge of it. <sup>2</sup> The Ark remained in Kiriath-jearim for a long time—twenty years in all. During that time all Israel mourned because it seemed the LORD had abandoned them.* 1 Samuel 7:1-2

Just having the Ark of the Covenant back home did not solve all the problems

### 3. There Must Be A Turning From That Which \_\_\_\_\_ From God. (7:3-4)

*<sup>3</sup> Then Samuel said to all the people of Israel, "If you want to return to the LORD with all your hearts, **get rid of** your foreign gods and your images of Ashtoreth. **Turn your hearts** to the LORD and **obey Him alone**; then He will rescue you from the Philistines." <sup>4</sup> So the Israelites got rid of their images of Baal and Ashtoreth and worshiped only the LORD.* 1 Samuel 7:3-4

- **Get rid of** \_\_\_\_\_ an idol is anything that is a substitute for God, for trusting in Him
- **Turn Your Hearts to God**
- **Obey Him alone**

*<sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other.* Matthew 6:24

#### 4. There Must Be A \_\_\_\_\_ . (7:5-6)

<sup>5</sup> Then Samuel told them, "Gather all of Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for you." <sup>6</sup> So they gathered at Mizpah and, in a great ceremony, drew water from a well and poured it out before the LORD. They also went without food all day and confessed that they had sinned against the LORD. (It was at Mizpah that Samuel became Israel's judge?) 1 Samuel 7:5-6

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. Psalm 51:17

#### 5. There Must Be A Willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ For Help. (7:7-11, 13-14)

<sup>7</sup> When the Philistine rulers heard that Israel had gathered at Mizpah, they mobilized their army and advanced. The Israelites were badly frightened when they learned that the Philistines were approaching. <sup>8</sup> "Don't stop pleading with the LORD our God to save us from the Philistines!" they begged Samuel. <sup>9</sup> So Samuel took a young lamb and offered it to the LORD as a whole burnt offering. He pleaded with the LORD to help Israel, and the LORD answered Him.

<sup>10</sup> Just as Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines arrived to attack Israel. But the LORD spoke with a mighty voice of thunder from heaven that day, and the Philistines were thrown into such confusion that the Israelites defeated them. <sup>11</sup> The men of Israel chased them from Mizpah to a place below Beth-car, slaughtering them all along the way.

<sup>12</sup> Samuel then took a large stone and placed it between the towns of Mizpah and Jeshanah. He named it Ebenezer (which means "the stone of help"), for he said, "Up to this point the LORD has helped us!"

<sup>13</sup> So the Philistines were subdued and didn't invade Israel again for some time. And throughout Samuel's lifetime, the LORD's powerful hand was raised against the Philistines. <sup>14</sup> The Israelite villages near Ekron and Gath that the Philistines had captured were restored to Israel, along with the rest of the territory that the Philistines had taken. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites in those days. 1 Samuel 7:7-14

- Many times Unbelievers Misunderstand what we are all About! (7a)
- When You Decide to Live for God the Devil ain't gonna like it! (7b)
- We Fight From Our Knees! (8)
- Trust God to fight Your Battles for You! (10)

#### ANSWERS:

Take care, Trying, Respect, Reverence, Drawing,  
Pulls Us Away, Confession of Sin, Depend on God



<u>Financial Update</u>	
Total Weekly Budget	
<b>\$ 12,857.00</b>	
Weekly Offering	
Received	
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<b>\$ 7,120.44</b>	

