

“The Pattern”

Heb. 8:4-6

Introduction

- I. It amazes me how anyone can read the Old Testament, and still come away with the idea that God does not care how certain things are done.
- II. There is a pattern, or “form”, that God has given for man to obey (Rom. 6:17).

Discussion

- I. What has happened when man deviates from the pattern given by God?
 - A. The example of Achan (Josh. 6:18-19; 7:10-26).
 - B. The example of Uzza (1 Chr. 15:2; 13:9-10).
 - C. The example of Uzziah (2 Chr. 26:16-23).
- II. What has happened when man followed the pattern?
 - A. The example of Noah (Gen. 6:14-22).
 - B. The example of Moses (Exo. 39:42-43).
- III. Today, there is a pattern.
 - A. First of all, there is a seed (Luke 8:11).
 - B. The seed is to be planted and watered (1 Cor. 3:5-9; Matt. 28:18-20).
 - C. The doctrine must not change (1 Cor. 4:17; 7:17; 14:33).
 - D. The plan of salvation must not change (Rom. 6:17; 10:17; John 8:24; 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Pet. 3:21; 2 Tim. 4:6-8).
 - E. The church must stick to the design/pattern that God has given.
 1. Initially the church had design (Eph. 4:11-16).
 2. The church should strive to have elders and deacons as God has prescribed (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-16; 1 Tim. 3:8-13).

Conclusion

- I. When man sticks with the pattern, things are the way that they should be.
- II. Let us endeavor always to search God's Word and follow the pattern that He has given.