

# Have You Not Read?

## Obedience to GOD



*“...have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?”*

(Mark 12:26)



**We have a law**

**We can choose to keep it or disobey it**

**We know the consequences of disobedience**



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## God's Established Law of the Old Testament

### **Adam and Eve**

Don't eat of the tree of Knowledge

### **Cain**

Told how to properly sacrifice

### **Man Gathering Sticks**

Keep the Sabbath Day Holy

### **Uzzah**

Don't Touch any Holy thing



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## DISOBEDIENCE

An unwillingness to comply with the guidance of authority, especially a neglect of God's will. In most every case of disobedience it becomes a matter of setting the desire of the flesh above the will of God!



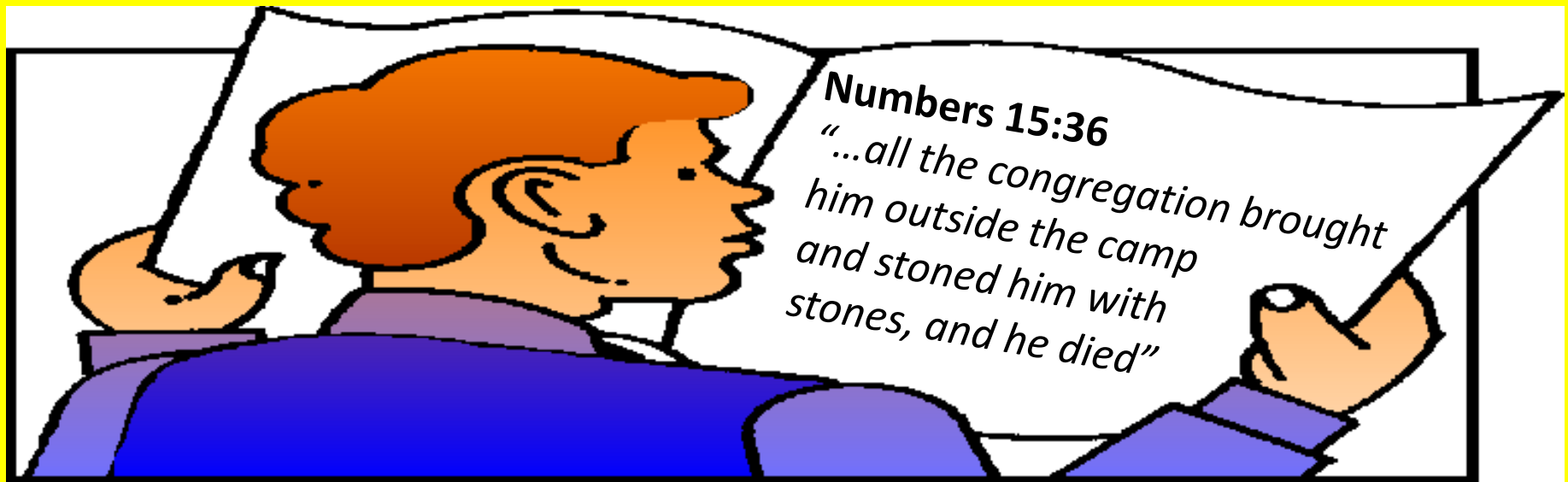
## **God's Law Was Violated**

**Adam and Eve** (Ate of the tree)

**Cain** (Sacrifice not according to God's Word)

**Man Gathering Sticks** (Doing it on the Sabbath)

**Uzzah** (Touched the Holy Ark)



## God's Consequences for **Disobedience**

- **Adam and Eve** - Death – separation from God, banished from the garden (**Genesis 3:16-18, 24**)
- **Cain** - Death – separation from God, sent to the land of Nod (**Genesis 4:10-13, 16**)
- **Man Gathering Sticks** – Stoned (**Numbers 15:33-36**)
- **Uzzah** - Struck Dead (**1 Chronicles 13:9-10**)

# God's Established Law of the New Testament



**Man Must Obey God's Established Laws Today**

## **Singing**

Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 13:15

### **Violation:**

Instruments, clapping, stomping, etc.

## **Worship in Spirit and Truth**

John 4:24; 8:32

### **Violation:**

Celebrating Christmas and Easter through special worship experiences and other additions not authorized

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**Women Not to Lead in the Assembly**

1 Corinthians 14:34-35; 1 Timothy 2:11-15

**Violation:**

Women speaking in church, preaching, teaching adult Bible classes  
where men are present

**Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage**

Matthew 19:9; Romans 7:2-3

**Violation:**

Divorced without scriptural reason and remarried

# How Would YOU Respond?

- The July 1996 edition of Christian Chronicle, a newspaper type of publication which purports to be an “international Newspaper for churches of Christ”, carried an article entitled “*Minister’s Beliefs (A Special Report).*”
- 1,200 random churches around the nation were surveyed.
- 348 “pulpit” ministers responded to the survey along with 138 “youth and education” ministers and 147 additional ministers (some retired) taken from a roster maintained by Abilene Christian University.
- The following statistics were derived exclusively from the responses from the **348 “pulpit” ministers.**



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Ministers' beliefs about current issues:

Belief	Agree	Disagree	Uncertain
Acappella singing is the only acceptable form of music in the public assemblies of the church	<b>80.3%</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	4.4%
Immersed believers who use musical instruments in worship cannot go to heaven	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	<u>27.8%</u>
The use of music other than acappella music in the public worship assemblies of the church will endanger the salvation of those who participate	<b>55.6%</b>	<b>27.5%</b>	<u>16.9%</u>
Special music by small groups and dramatic skits have no place in the worship assembly	<b>49.3%</b>	<b>41.6%</b>	9.1%
It is acceptable for a congregation to observe religious holidays like Christmas and Easter through special worship experiences	<b>36.7%</b>	<b>56.2%</b>	7.1%
The New Testament clearly restricts worship to the five acts of singing, praying, teaching or preaching, giving, and the Lord's Supper	<b>53.1%</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	6.2%

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Ministers' beliefs about current issues:

Belief	Agree	Disagree	Uncertain
It is permissible for a woman to be formally designated a "minister" by a local congregation	25.3%	67.1%	7.6%
It would be acceptable to God for a woman to teach in adult Bible classes when both men and women are present	16.9%	75.5%	7.7%
One who has been divorced without a scriptural reason and is remarried cannot be a member of the church in full fellowship while remaining in the subsequent marriage	40.2%	46.4%	<u>13.3%</u>
It would be acceptable to God for a woman to preach in a church's public worship assemblies	6.7%	88.8%	4.4%
Some people today receive revelation through the direct activity of the Holy Spirit in their lives	7.4%	87.0%	5.6%
The New Testament teaches that Christians should observe the Lord's Supper every Sunday	92.7%	6.4%	0.9%



# Don't Be Surprised!

Let us resolve to study our Bible  
and learn the law of God,  
the law we will be judged by!

**John 12:48**

*Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, **lest we drift away**. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, **how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation**, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,*

Hebrews 2:1-3

**“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)**