



Deadly Shortcuts

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Deadly Shortcuts:

- Let's Bring Back the Ark (**1 Chronicles 13:1-3**):
 - How we got here. **1 Samuel 3:21; 4:1-3; 5:1-6; 6:1-2**
 - Israel treated the ark like a good luck charm with no regard for their standing before God. **1 Sam. 7:1-4**
- Shortcuts were taken (**1 Chronicles 13:5-8**):
 - Ark is visible. **Num. 4:5, 15, 20**
 - Ark is not being carried as God commanded. **Exo. 25:14-15 (1 Sam. 6:11)**

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- Shortcuts were taken (**1 Chronicles 13:5-8**):
 - David's response. **1 Chronicles 13:11-12**
 - Ark dropped off at Obed-edom's house.
1 Chronicles 13:13-14 (26:5)
- The Ark Arrives at Jerusalem:
 - David finds out his mistake. **1 Chronicles 15:2, 13**
 - **1 Chronicles 15-17** record the celebrations, and the covenant God makes with David as a result of the arks return.

Deadly Shortcuts:

- **What Do We Make of This?**
 - **God is not a good luck charm that we may use and discard as we please. He demands fierce loyalty from His people because He gives nothing less. God showed Himself to be fierce to His word in this account. We can't take shortcuts in our loyalty.**
 - **Uzzah's death was 100% preventable. If everyone was doing their jobs this incident could have been avoided. Shortcuts get people killed.**
 - **There are no shortcuts in serving God. When we are confronted with our error (our short cut) how are we going to respond?**