



# FAITH MAIL

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### Are You Holy?

Brothers and Sisters,

The Bible tells the story of a man who faced dire consequences when he tried to help Yahweh with something that wasn't his to handle (1 Chronicles 13:1-11). The Ark, where Yahweh's presence resided, had been kept in someone's house for many years instead of being at the centre of the nation's life as it should have been. When David became king of Israel, he was eager to return the Ark to Jerusalem, and the entire country supported him in this endeavour.

The Ark was placed on a brand-new cart and was being guided by two men. As the king and all the Israelites celebrated along the way, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out to prevent the Ark from falling. However, Uzzah's action had severe consequences – he died instantly! Despite his good intentions, Uzzah's spontaneous action was forbidden. He wasn't 'set apart' by Yahweh to touch the Ark; it wasn't his calling. Perhaps he thought that Yahweh's holy presence wasn't there, and without his help, the Ark might have been damaged. However, the truth is Yahweh didn't need his intervention – He would have protected what belonged to Him. In touching the holiness of the Almighty without being set apart (holy), Uzzah faced a severe penalty – death.

What does the word 'Holy' mean?

"Set apart or dedicated to Yahweh for His use."

Regarding Yahweh's righteousness, holiness, glory, and the sanctity of His presence, He doesn't need our intervention or help to protect who He is and what belongs to Him. On the other hand, we desperately need His interventions in our lives as we pursue holiness.

Knowing what Yahweh has called you to do or 'set you apart' for is vitally important. It's your holy calling. You have the right and authority to serve without fear in this calling. The critical question is, "Are you pursuing and handling what's within your 'set apart' purpose, or have you allowed yourself to be involved in something you shouldn't be, even if well-intentioned?"

When you work in your 'set apart' purpose, you interact with the Holy One, share in His holiness (Hebrews 12:10), and experience life! What is your 'holy' calling? Find out!

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