**Remember Lot’s Wife**

Luke 17:32 “Remember Lot’s wife.”

Gen 19:17,26 “And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. … But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.”

That may seem like a little thing, Mrs. Lot looking back. But if God says something, that makes it big.

Here in Alabama most everybody pulls for Alabama or Auburn in football. Does God care who we pull for? No, that is just for fun. How do we know God doesn’t care? Because He doesn’t tell us who to pull for. The other side of the coin is that if God does instruct about something, He must care; it must be important. We don’t have the right to say that is just a little thing, so it doesn’t matter (Prov 14:12).

Lev 10:1-2 “And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.”

Nadab and Abihu were worshipping God; why was God displeased? Remember, if God says something, that makes it big.

I Chron 13:7,9-10 “And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart. … And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.”

Most likely Uzza had good intentions; he was trying to help God by steadying the ark to keep it from falling and breaking. But that doesn’t change the fact that he did something God said not to do. We might think it was a little thing, but remember if God says something, that makes it big.

We might consider the following things small …

**\*Sprinkling** Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death …

**\*Swearing** James 5:12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

**Fool** Matt 5:21-22 Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

**Cussing** Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**Speeding** I Pet 2:13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake …

**Religious Titles** Matt 23:9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

**White Lies** Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

**Conclusion** – Even what we think of as little things are important IF God has instructed us:

Matt 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.