

## 1 Samuel 6 Lessons and Principles

- 1) Israel and the Philistines were judged severely by the Almighty God, and both failed to give God the glory He deserved by recognizing His judgement. We often fail to give God this glory because we ignore His judgement or write it off as fate or bad luck.
- 2) Even the Philistines admitted the God of Israel had judged them and their gods, yet they didn't worship Him, but they remembered that no good comes when anyone hardens his heart against the Lord as the Egyptians did. It's never smart to harden your heart against the Lord God.
- 3) The Philistines devised a plan to determine if what had happened to them was by the hand of God or if it happened by chance, the mother cows by instinct would turn and go back to their calves, so God was steering the cart. Many people today think things happen by chance some say the world was created by chance. Chance has no power to do anything. We live in a cause and effect world created by an omnipotent God. The meticulous order of our world demonstrates its intelligent design.
- 4) The cows, even though their calves were behind them, headed straight down the road and did not turn to the right or the left they were following God's instruction not their own instincts. We can learn from this to follow God's plan and not our own.
- 5) Who is able to stand before this holy God? If you are a new man or woman in Jesus His holiness is a part of you. We share in the holiness of Jesus Christ see Hebrews 12:10.