

Personally, I am-- have a tendency always to put my emphasis on the ultimate purpose of whatever is done. ~~This~~ It is not my habit to become tremendously excited about details of forms and ceremonies. I was telling my wife the other day how that I had heard ~~that~~ about the turn of the century there was quite an argument in the among the Presbyterians of Philadelphia, some of the elders feeling very strongly that one should always kneel when one was engaged in prayer, and others feeling equally strongly that one should stand under these circumstances. It seems to have been quite a division at that time. As I see the situation of these ~~present~~ so many of churches ^{now} ~~today~~ where modernism has carried the people away and ~~has~~ turned them against all Biblical teaching, it makes such division to me to seem very petty. Yet, it is necessary for us to realize that ~~there are~~ in a world of sin, it is necessary that certain forms be maintained and certain practices be carefully ~~not~~ observed. In the Old Testament this phase is often stressed. Thus we find ^{we} were told how in the wilderness, as described in the 15th chapter of Numbers, verses 32, and following. there was a man who ~~had~~ gathered sticks on the Sabbath day and in punishment for ~~this~~ he was stoned to death. It seems like a terrible punishment for such an infraction, yet, I think we can realize that this would not have been done except that it was a continued attitude on his part and that it was absolutely ~~not~~ necessary that the ~~the~~ importance of the Sabbath as a Day set apart for God be ~~not~~ established the worship of God and maintained throughout the whole camp if ~~it~~ was to ~~be~~ be preserved ~~not~~ among them, and His name was to be carried into the promised land desired. There are ~~a~~ certain special times when God exerts ~~Himself~~ Himself very particularly on ~~certain~~ points of form and ceremony or of form like this. Thus we find that the instance in I Chronicles 13, and the parallel in Samuel where Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark and the