

Nadab and Abihu **Leviticus 10:1-7**

Main Point:

Regard the holiness of God so that you worship Him as He desires.

1. God tells you in His Word how He wants you to worship Him.

2. As a result, God takes it very seriously when you do otherwise.

3. This is because God's holiness is to be regarded in your worship.

4. Like God, you should care immensely for His holiness.

Exodus 30:7-9 7 "Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. 8 And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. 9 You shall not offer strange incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering; nor shall you pour a drink offering on it. (NKJV)

Exodus 30:34-35 34 And the LORD said to Moses: "Take sweet spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, and pure frankincense with *these* sweet spices; there shall be equal amounts of each. 35 You shall make of these an incense ... (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 12:32 32 "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken "*How* we worship matters nearly as much to God as *whom* we worship. We may not worship him any way we like, but only the way that he has commanded."

Leviticus 16:12 12 Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring *it* inside the veil. (NKJV)

John Currid "In reality, it is not clear what they are specifically doing wrong. However, what is crystal clear is that they are making an offering in a different way from that which God had prescribed."

Sidney Greidanus "The death of Aaron's eldest sons illustrates that the LORD is absolutely serious about his demands for following his instructions in worshiping the LORD."

Allan Moseley "It was strict judgment for a strategic moment ... If God allowed priests like Nadab and Abihu to lead worship in any way they wanted, that would have established a pattern of disobedience for years to come ..."

Allen Ross "This short story is ... an affront to liberal thinkers. It should also challenge Bible-believing Christians whose theological attitudes are influenced by prevailing trends of thought more often than they realize."

Allan Moseley "To fail to treat Him as holy is to treat Him as if He is like us. But He is not like us."

John Calvin "If we reflect how holy a thing God's worship is, the enormity of the punishment will by no means offend us."

John Currid "The fact that we are on this side of the cross does not mean we are to take any less care in worship than believers in the Old Testament."

Allan Moseley "The refusal to mourn would make the point that nothing, not even a cherished child, is as important as God Himself or as important as treating Him as holy."

Allen Ross "If normal lamentations and burial procedures took place in public, people might get the wrong idea about the deaths and perhaps sympathize with them against the LORD."

Kenneth Mathews "Christians can have perfect peace in knowing that our Lord Jesus Christ is the High Priest who is our perfect mediator. He was not hindered by sin; his sacrifice and his priesthood were fully pleasing to the Lord."