

Leviticus and the Sacrificial System

Lesson 7 – Nadab and Abihu

Text

Exodus 30:7-9; Leviticus 9:24; 10:1-20; 16:1, 12-13; Numbers 3:2-4

Introduction

Nadab and Abihu, the eldest sons of Aaron took their censers, put fire in them, added incense. According to Lev 10:1 they offered strange fire to the LORD; the result of this was their immediate death as fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them. This event appears to have occurred at the same time as the events of Lev 9, on the 8th day just after the consecration of the priests.

Questions

1. How many sons did Aaron have?
2. What is meant by “*strange fire*”?
3. What does, “*which He had not commanded them*” in Lev 10:1 mean?
4. What was so special about this one day, in all the history of Israel?
5. What does “*before the LORD*” imply (Lev 10:1; Num 3:4; Ex 30:8)?
6. How were Nadab and Abihu punished?
7. Compare Lev 9:24 with 10:2...
8. What was the reason God punished Nadab and Abihu (Lev 10:3)?
9. What can we learn from Lev 10:1-2; 1 Sam 15:22; 1 John 5:3
10. List four things we can learn from this event:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
11. Why did God not permit mourning? Was the family prohibited from feeling sorrow or grief?
12. What application can we draw from Lev 10:4-7 and Matt 8:22?

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13. What does Ex 30:7-9 tell us about who was to offer incense, as well as when and where?
14. In Lev 10:4 who was called to remove the bodies? Discuss why ...
15. Who took over the duties of Nadab and Abihu?
16. Compare Lev 10:1-7 with Acts 5:1-11...
17. Compare God's response in Lev 10:1-7 with 1 Sam 2:12-17?
18. What commandment was given immediately after Nadab and Abihu's death (Lev 10:8-11)?
19. What commandment did Moses give Aaron concerning the sacrifices already offered?
20. Why was Moses upset about the goat for the sin offering?
21. What was Aaron's response?
22. Is it possible for people today to sin like Nadab and Abihu?
23. Is Lev 10:3 still applicable today?
24. What does this episode suggest about those who say it doesn't matter how we worship God?