

Session #10: “WHAT PRIESTS CANNOT DO” — Leviticus 10:1-20

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by David Hocking, Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

*****Questions:

- Is it easy to love our children more than we love the LORD?
- Do you think the priests of the Old Testament were held to a higher standard than Godly leaders in the New Testament?
- Do you see any connection with Heb 10:26-27; 12:29 to today's study?
- When we come to God, how important is it to come on His terms?

The theme of the book is a “CALL TO HOLINESS” and it is divided into two parts: Chapters 1-16 emphasize that the WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE, while chapters 17-27 emphasize that OUR WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION. In chapters 1-7, we have the REQUIREMENTS FOR SACRIFICE, and in chapters 8-10, we have the REGULATIONS FOR THE PRIESTS.

Chapter 8 - THE ANOINTING OF THE PRIESTS

Chapter 9 - THE APPEARANCE OF THE LORD

Chapter 10 - THE ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR OFFERINGS

Ex.19:22; Ex. 30:7-10, 34-38;

- ❖ 1A. THE REASON WHY THE SONS OF AARON WERE DEVoured BY THE FIRE OF THE LORD - 1-2
“offered strange fire” - NIV - “unauthorized fire” - cf. Leviticus 16:1 “before the LORD”
 - 1B. Only the high priest was to burn incense - Exodus 30:7-10 – “no strange incense”
 - 2B. Only the high priest could take the incense into the Holy of holies on the Day of Atonement - Leviticus 16:2
 - 3B. The fire in the censer was to be taken from burning coals off of the altar of sacrifice - Leviticus 16:12-13 ; Isa. 6:1-7
 - 4B. It is possible that they were drunk as well - cf. Leviticus 10:9; 1 Sam. 3:13; 2:29; 2:22
A willful disrespect of the things of the LORD.
- ❖ 2A. THE REBUKE OF AARON BY MOSES - 3
 - 1B. God DEMANDS holiness of those who draw near to Him - “I must be regarded as holy” - cf. James 4:8 Do you think our culture, our church, is losing the need for regarding God as holy?
 - 2B. God DESIRES to be glorified - “and before all the people”
“I must be glorified” NIV/NASB - “honored” - “So Aaron held his peace” - NIV - “remained silent” NASB “kept silent”
- ❖ 3A. THE REMOVAL OF THEIR DEAD BODIES - 4-5
 - 1B. It REVEALS the unique standards under which the high priest was to serve - Leviticus 21:10-12
 - 2B. It REMINDS us of the consequences which our sin and disobedience can bring
Cf. Acts 5:1-11 - deliberate, willful rebellion against the Lord. Sin bears great consequences!!
- ❖ 4A. THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED UPON AARON AND HIS TWO SONS BY MOSES - 6-7
 - 1B. They could not MOURN the death of Nadab & Abihu - 6
Cf. Leviticus 21:1-6, 10-12; Ez. 24:15-18

- 2B. They could not MOVE out of the tabernacle when the anointing oil was upon them – 7 - Cf. *Lev. 21:12*
- ❖ 5A. THE REMINDER FROM THE LORD ABOUT THE HOLINESS OF PRIESTS - 8-11
 - 1B. The PROHIBITION was clear - 9
“Do not drink wine nor intoxicating (NIV – “fermented”) drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die”
 - 2B. The PURPOSES were stated - 10-11
 - ✓ 1C. To Emphasize the importance of their leadership responsibilities before the Lord - 10 - Cf. *Proverbs 31:4-5; 1 Timothy 3:3, 8; Titus 1:7*
 - ✓ 2C. To Explain accurately the statutes of the Lord - 11 – *“that you may teach”*
- ❖ 6A. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRIESTS IN EATING OF THE SACRIFICES - 12-15
 - 1B. The PLACE where they were to eat - 12 - *“beside the altar”* and v. 13 - *“in a holy place”* and in v. 14 - *“in a (ceremonially) clean place”*
 - 2B. The PORTIONS were reminders of the Lord’s provision of their needs
Cf. *1 Cor. 9:13-14*
 - 3B. The PRACTICE of the wave offering was to show that they were thankful to the Lord for what He has provided for them - 15 *“wave offering”* – cf. *Lev. 7:28-34* *How thankful are you/we?*
- ❖ 7A. THE REACTION OF MOSES TO THE FAILURE OF AARON’S SONS TO EAT THE SIN OFFERING IN THE HOLY PLACE - 16-18
“Moses made careful inquiry” - NIV - *“inquired about”* NASB – *“searched carefully”*
Cf. *Lev. 6:24-30*
 - 1B. The ANGER of Moses was based on what appeared to be disobedience on the part of Aaron - 16-18
 - 2B. The ATTITUDE of Aaron was rooted in his desire to honor God and please Him, and not be hypocritical in the performance of his duties - 19
Cf. *1 Samuel 15:22-23; 16:7; Psalm 51.-16-17; Micah 6:6-8*
- ❖ 8A. THE RESPONSE OF AARON - 19-20
 - 1B. He DEFENDED his sons - 19a
“Look, this day have they offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD”
 - 2B. He DESCRIBED his problem - 19b
“and such things have befallen (NIV - “happened”) me! If I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD?” (NIV - “would the Lord have been pleased”) (NASB - “would it have been good in the sight of the Lord?”)
 - 3B. He DECLARED his motive to the satisfaction of Moses - 20
“So when Moses heard that, he was content” NIV - “satisfied” NASB - “it seemed good in his sight” *Do you desire to fully please the LORD?*
Nadab and Abihu’s sin was wickedness - They lit strange fire, drew attention to themselves; their judgment clouded with drink. Sin bears great consequences!!
Ithamar and Eleazar sinned as well, but theirs was a sin of weakness and inability.
So, whose are your sins like? The former-consuming fire; the later- grace and forgiveness, the mercy and patience of our Father!
Moses saw something about the heart of Aaron—a broken heart over the sin of his children, desiring to please the LORD! *Psalm 51.-16-17*; Are you broken hearted? Over your unbelieving children, family members?

When we come to God, we must come to Him on His terms! It’s not an arrangement that we can make! We are not making the rules! God is the One who saves and He is the One who says how we shall be saved. Jesus Christ says that no man comes to the Father but by Him!!