

**“The Pentateuch”
Leviticus 10:1-20
Wednesday February 10, 2010**

This is God’s Mission Statement to Aaron and the Priesthood for Israel: Lev 10:10-11

Leviticus 8-10 – A Kingdom of Priests:

Leviticus 8 – Submitting to God’s Authority:

Leviticus 9 – Revealing God’s Glory:

Leviticus 10 – Accepting God’s Discipline:

1. Verses 1-7 – Failure

2. Verses 8-11 – Realignment

3. Verses 12-20 – Obedience

1. Verses 1-7 – Failure:

Lev 10:1

Lev 9:23-24

Nadab – “Liberal”; Abihu – “Worshipper of Him”

They were the wrong people to be handling the incense and presenting it to the Lord. Ex. 30:7-10

The incense – was to symbolize prayer to God. Psalm 141:1-2

took their respective firepans; They also used the wrong instruments, Ex 40:9

They Acted at the Wrong Time: for it was only on the annual Day of Atonement, Lev. 16

They Acted Under the Wrong Authority:

Lev 16:12

offered strange fire (Unauthorized or Foreign); The worship all started from the Brazen Alter where the fire of worship was ignited.

Ex 30:9

King Uzziah Deliberately Sinned Against the Lord. 2 Ch 26:19

Bottom Line – regardless of the nature of the sin, their actions were presumptuous; self-willed!

1 Sam 15:22-23

Lev 10:2

Lev 9:24

Romans 11:22

Lev 10:3

They Acted From the Wrong Motive and Didn't Seek to Glorify God Alone:

Lev 10:4-5

When Israel entered the Promised Land, God used Achan's disobedience as a warning: (Josh. 7)

The death of Uzziah was His warning when the ark was brought to Jerusalem: (2 Sam. 6:1-7)

Early in the Church Age, the death of Ananias and Sapphira served as a warning to the saints not to try to lie to God: (Acts 5)

Lev 10:6

Luke 9:60

Lev 10:7

2. Verses 8-11 – Realignment:

Lev 10:8-9

Aaron's Sons Depended Upon the Wrong Energy:

Prov 20:1

1 Thess 5:7-8

Ephesians 5:18

Lev 10:10

1 Cor. 10:12

Heb 12:28-29

Lev 10:11

2 Cor 3:2-3

Priests determined skin disorders – Lev 13:6

Priests determined the monetary values of votive offerings – Lev 27:8-14

Priests determined court cases – Deut 17:8-13

Moses taught Aaron and his sons the Word of God, they then taught the people – Deut 33:10

The parents were to teach their children – Deut 6:1-9

Lev 18:4-5

This same instruction that was given to the Priests is given to the Church today:

1 Cor 2:14

2 Tim 3:16-17

God has given gifted men to the church to instruct us:

1 Tim 5:17

3. Verses 12-20 – Obedience:

Lev 10:12-16

searched carefully – “inquiring he inquired”

Lev 10:17

Lev 6:26

Lev 10:18-20

Application:

1. God's Word commands us concerning our ministry, and we must obey what He says.
2. We dedicate ourselves to God, and He consecrates us for His service. He wants servants who are clean, yielded, obedient, and "marked" by the blood and the oil.
3. Apart from the finished work of Christ and the power of the Spirit, we can't serve God acceptably.
4. We minister first of all to the Lord and for His glory. No matter how much we sacrifice and serve, if God doesn't get the glory, there can be no blessing.
5. The privileges of ministry bring with them serious responsibilities. Luke 12:48
6. Our greatest joy in life should be to serve the Lord and bring glory to His name. Psalm 2:11