

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“I Expect Him to Live a Holy Life”

“12 Expectations of Your Pastoral Leadership” - Pt. 4

Leviticus 10:1-11 & Selected

The Pastoral Leader...

I. Must understand the holy God he serves!

“Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.” Vs. 1

“And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, ‘You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.’” Leviticus 19:1-2

“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’”

1 Peter 1:14-16

II. Must respect the ways of the holy God he serves!

“And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.” Vs. 2

- The minister serves most near the fiery glory of the Lord!
- The minister serves to exalt the glory of the Lord.

“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”

Hebrews 12:28-29

III. Must protect the glory of the holy God he serves!

See verses 4-7

IV. Must guard his life in honor of the holy God he serves!

"And the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying, 'Drink no wine or strong drink, you or your sons with you, when you go into the tent of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.'"

Vs. 8-9

"But he (Samson) did not know that the LORD had left him."

Judges 16:20

"But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD."

2 Samuel 11:27b

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

V. Must teach others to walk in holiness before the God he serves!

"You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, and you are to teach the people of Israel all the statutes that the LORD has spoken to them by Moses."

Vs. 10-11

"The heaviest obligation lying upon the Christian Church today is to purify and elevate her concept of God until it is once more worthy of Him – and of her. In all her prayers and labors this should have first place. We do the greatest service to the next generation of Christians by passing on to them undimmed and undiminished that noble concept of God which we received from our Hebrew and Christian fathers of generations past." A. W. Tozer, 1961