

Strange Fire

Review:

As we start finishing our series of Moses and the Israelites, I would like us to review some of the things the Israelites went through:

- 1) 10 Plague
- 2) Red Sea
- 3) Bitter waters
- 4) Battle
- 5) Water Complaint
- 6) Food Complaint
- 7) The 10 commandments
- 8) The golden Idol
- 9) Spying the Land - Judgement
- 10) Rebellion Of Korah

From the time the Israelites left Egypt until the time they came to the cusp of the promised land, it was a little over 1 year (13-15 months). This is indicated in Deuteronomy, which records how long they camped before moving on.

Before we conclude our series, I do want to make an important point:

There are many other stories in Exodus – Deuteronomy. Many of the main ones we have touched on, but as the Word of God is an onion, there are layers that may affect you in ways you may not know. So, I recommend all Christians to read the 5 books called the Pentateuch, Genesis – Deuteronomy, so that you can understand and know the God you serve.....

Intro: One of the stories I want to talk about, which I think is very important, is found in Leviticus 10.

In today's culture, we have allowed ourselves to believe in a God that is very non-cholent. A God who does not sweat the small stuff, or care about how or what you do, how you worship, how you pray, how you dress, how you act, and how you treat that which is Holy and Sanctified.

We fail to forget that God is Holy. He punishes the wicked and the disobedient who disrespect Him and His Church. Yes, His Church.

His Body and His Leaders.

I do not say this in any way as a power trip because I do believe that there are times that we

should rebel against leadership or a group of believers.

Yet, the scripture indicates that these times are ONLY when they directly violate the word of God. Not your opinion, your idea, or your disagreement on whether or not the AC should be at 70 or 72.

Leaving a Church because they use Folgers instead of Maxwell House is a rebellion.

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.....

The fact is, and as we read, God meets such rebellion with swift judgment. We see this with Korah and the people who rebelled, and with those who complained.

Complainers and rebels are on God's hit list. Now there is a big difference between complaining and having a complaint. The difference between the two lies in the result and spirit. A complainer will just spurt out their opinion and dissatisfaction about things but never address it with the person they are having

a problem with. They do not have a resolution or a better plan. There is a big difference between saying, “It’s always hot in there,” and “It’s so hot, can we turn on the AC?”

Another thing that God has a problem with is called sacrilege.

Romans 2:22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

God has a problem with treating things common that God has called Holy. Or giving to God that which is common. We see this with when Daniel pronounces judgment on Belshazzar, who took the holy vessels to be used for his idol party. Or how God will remind Peter, “What God has cleansed you must not call common.”

God does all these things to protect the Church and His people from the enemy. To protect you from the demonic and disobedient spirit.

Ephesians 2:2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according

to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Leviticus 10:1-20

(1) Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered **profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.** (2) So **fire went out from the LORD and devoured them**, and they died before the LORD.

(3) And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come **near Me I must be regarded as holy**; And before all the people I must be glorified.' " So Aaron held his peace.

(4) Then Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, "Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp."

(5) So they went near and carried them by their tunics out of the camp, as Moses had said.

(6) And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons, "**Do not uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, lest you die, and wrath come upon all the people. But let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD has kindled.** (7)

You shall **not go out from the door of the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die, for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you.**" And they did according to the word of Moses.

God does not take lightly to sympathizers. Just like he did with Korah and the people who sympathized when He brought judgment upon Korah.

God is protecting His Church and His People.

(8) **Then the LORD spoke to Aaron**, saying:

(9) "**Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations,**

(10) that you may distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean,
(11) and that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them by the hand of Moses."

(12) And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons who were left: "Take the grain offering that remains of the offerings made by fire to the LORD, and eat it without leaven beside the altar; for it is most holy. (13) You shall eat it in a holy place, because it is your due and your sons' due, of the sacrifices made by fire to the LORD; for so I have been commanded. (14) The breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering you shall eat in a clean place, you, your sons, and your daughters with you; for they are your due and your sons' due, which are given from the sacrifices of peace offerings of the children of Israel. (15) The thigh of the heave offering and the breast of the wave offering they shall bring with the offerings of fat made by fire, to offer as

a wave offering before the LORD. And it shall be yours and your sons' with you, by a statute forever, as the LORD has commanded."

16) Then Moses made careful inquiry about the goat of the sin offering, and there it was—burned up. **And he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron who were left, saying,**

(17) **"Why have you not eaten the sin offering in a holy place, since it is most holy, and God has given it to you to bear the guilt of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD?"**

(18) See! Its blood was not brought inside the holy place; indeed you should have eaten it in a holy place, as I commanded."

(19) And Aaron said to Moses, "Look, this day they have offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD, and such things have befallen me!

If I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD?"

(20) So, when Moses heard that, he was content.