

message summary

In this passage we find that Aaron's two sons Nadab and Abihu offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, which resulted in their immediate death. This incident highlights the seriousness of approaching God with irreverence and disobedience. When we read a story where divine judgment meets human error we are left with a distorted view of God. We are sometimes left wondering if God is unfair or unjust when he disciplines or punishes people. However, Peter Parker from Spiderman quoted James Kennedy's phrase when he said with great privilege comes great responsibility. Nadab and Abihu neglected their responsibility which put the entire nation of Israel at risk. If there is anything God hates, it is one person endangering another. Let's read together Leviticus chapter 10 and see if there anything we can learn from this catastrophe.

observation

- What action did Nadab and Abihu take that led to their demise?

- What was God's reason for consuming the two boys with fire?

- What was Moses instruction to Aaron's regarding his children's death and was it fair?

interpretation

- What was Nadab and Abihu's posture of worship? Have you ever been guilty of serving God externally, but without your heart focusing on God?

- How Does Daniel 3 relate to this story of fire? Who is our ultimate protector in the fiery furnace?

- According to Malachi 3:2-3, Zephaniah 13:9, and 1 Peter 1:6-7 what is the difference between consuming fire and refining fire?

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application

- What does this incident reveal about God's expectations for those who serve Him?

- How does the principle of God's holiness and our need for reverence apply to our daily lives and interactions with others?

- What steps can we take to guard against the temptation to offer God "unauthorized fire" in our lives?

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