

“Among Those Who Are Near Me....The Glory of the Lord” (Part 2)

Leviticus 8:1-10:9

- The Glory of the Lord: Leviticus 9:6 & 22-24 & 10:1-3; Hebrews 12:18-24 & 28-29
 - The Hebrew word for the “Glory of the Lord” literally means to be “weighty or heavy” not “light or casual or trivial”. If God is approached lightly or casual we will not see His power at work in blessing, but instead in discipline. We will have a dead, powerless, experience with God. God’s grace is not an excuse to be less intentional.
 - God does not submit to us, we submit to Him.
 - God does not help us accomplish our will, we desire for His will to be done.
 - God does not satisfy our wants, we are satisfied in Him.
 - God does not fulfill our dreams, we obey His Word.
 - God is to be approached with CAUTION and DELIGHT: Our worship of Him should be WEIGHTY and TRANSFORMING. Our worship should be SACRIFICIAL and FULFILLING. *A healthy relationship with God is both joy and reverence. One without the other is an abuse of grace.*
 - *The Glory of the Lord* meant that God was making His home among His people. The tabernacle was God’s dwelling place (Leviticus 9:6 & 22-26; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18).
 - *The Glory of the Lord* reminds us that God is close to us, but to enjoy Him and revere Him we must worship Him properly. We must treat Him as Holy and honor His Great Name (Leviticus 10:3). The worship and service of God is not a HUMAN INVENTION but a DIVINELY INSTITUTED reality.
 - We should approach God in worship with obedient hearts (Leviticus 9:6).
 - We should worship God bringing our sacrifices of praise (Leviticus 9:7-21).
 - We should prepare ourselves to enjoy God by prayer (Leviticus 9:23).
 - We should prepare ourselves to worship God by recalling what He has done for us (Leviticus 9:23; Numbers 6:22-27).
 - In doing this God is enjoyed and revered (Leviticus 9:24 & 10:3).
 - The New Testament Application:
 - God has commanded us to have His Word read in corporate worship (1 Timothy 4:13).
 - God has commanded us to have His Word preached in corporate worship (2 Timothy 4:2).
 - God has commanded us to sing biblical songs in corporate worship (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).
 - God has commanded us to pray for one another in corporate worship (Matthew 21:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:14-16).
 - God has commanded us to baptize and administer the Lord’s Supper in corporate worship (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34).

Worship: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (Matt Boswell)

Holy, Holy, Holy (Various Artists)