

"Among Those Who Are Near Me....Do Not Provoke the Lord to Wrath" (Part 3)

Leviticus 8:1-10:9 & Proverbs 15:8-10

- 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. It is a big deal to worship God, it is a big deal to serve God, and it is a big deal to lead worshippers and servants of God (Luke 14:26-27 & 33). *A healthy relationship with God is both joy and reverence. One without the other is an abuse of grace.*
- Nadab and Abihu: Why such a severe consequence? What did they do wrong?
 - *Principle 1:* The closer someone is to God and the more responsibility they have been given, the more severe their consequence/discipline for their disobedience (James 3:1; Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 11:28-32).
 - *Principle 2:* If the leaders are irresponsible and irreverent then the people will also be irresponsible and irreverent (Leviticus 10:10-11; Malachi 2:7-8; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 2:15-17).
 - *Principle 3:* Our heart condition is shown through our flippancy or intentionality in our actions and our flippancy or intentionality in our worship. The worship of God is not a human invention but a divinely instituted reality.
 - They possibly entered into the presence of God drunk (Leviticus 10:9; Ephesians 5:17-18).
 - They possibly entered into the Holy of Holies which was only supposed to be done by the High Priest (Leviticus 16:2).
 - They possibly may have offered the fire without the tools that were consecrated or offered incense that wasn't commanded (Leviticus 16:12-13; Exodus 30:9).
 - *Principle 4:* Our disobedience can bring great pain personally and to the community (Leviticus 10:6). Aaron and his sons would have provoked the Lord to anger by publicly mourning the death of his sons (Luke 14:26-27; Luke 9:59-60).
- Romans 11:19-22 & Isaiah 66:2-5
 - Disobedience will eventually lead to unbelief. Unbelief will eventually lead to forsaking the faith (Hebrews 3:12-14). Forsaking the faith will lead to showing you were never truly in the faith (1 John 2:19).
 - *Humility and a contrite heart:* This represents a submission to God based on our unworthiness and His supremacy. A person who respects the Word of God and obeys it, they do not try to twist it to fit their will/narrative. They desire to joyfully and completely submit to God.

Worship: So I Will Trust You (Sovereign Grace Music)

As The Deer (Various Artists)