

Leviticus 10:1–20
Our God is a Consuming Fire
March 17, 2013
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon

Psalm 40:5

⁵ You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; **none can compare with you!** I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

- B. What is a Worship Service For? How do We Draw Near?
- C. How Can You Describe God's Holiness/Glory?

II. God Will be Regarded as Holy!

A. Remember the Context

Leviticus 9:22–24

²³ And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and when they came out they *blessed the people*, and **the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people.** ²⁴ And *fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar, and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.*

B. Strange Fire & Holy Fire

Leviticus 10:1-2

¹ 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. ² *And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.*

1 Samuel 15:22–23 (Speaking to Saul)

²² And Samuel said, “*Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice**, and to listen than the fat of rams.*”

²³ For **rebellion** is as the sin of divination, and **presumption** is as iniquity and idolatry. ...”

Galatians 1:6–9

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ *But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be **accursed**.* ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: *If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be **accursed**.*

C. God is Holy: Peace with God Matters Most

Leviticus 10:3-7

³ Then Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the LORD has said: ‘Among those who are near me **I will be sanctified**, and before all the people **I will be glorified.**’” And Aaron held his peace.

⁴ And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, “Come near; carry your brothers away from the front of the sanctuary and ***out of the camp.***” ⁵ So they came near and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said.

⁶ And Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar his sons, “*Do not let the hair of your heads hang loose, and **do not tear your clothes, lest you die, and wrath come upon all the congregation;*** but let your brothers, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning that the LORD has kindled. ⁷ *And do not go*

outside the entrance of the tent of meeting, lest you die, for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you."
And they did according to the word of Moses.

Matthew 10:34–39

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵
For ***I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.*** ³⁶ And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷
Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And ***whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*** ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

1 Peter 3:14–15a

¹⁴ But *even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake*, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but ***in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy...***

Key Idea

To honor Jesus as holy we must joyfully approach God with careful obedience and we must value God’s peace & God’s name above all else.

1 Corinthians 6:7

⁷ To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. ***Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?***