

Leviticus 10:1–20  
*True Worship As God Defines It*  
March 24, 2013  
Sermon Outline

Notes:

**I. Introduction**

A. Children's Sermon

1. Do you ever wonder why God let's bad things happen?
2. Were we created to Please God or does God exist to please us?
3. Where do people go who reject God as king? When God sends someone to hell, is this always the right and good decision? (Cf. Revelation 19:1–5)

B. What is a Worship Service For? What is Worship?

C. Review: How Can We Represent God as Holy?

1. Only approach God using the way He has provided (Proper Fire)
2. Valuing God's name and glory even above family (Leviticus 10:3)

**II. Implications of Serving the Holy God**

A. Valuing God's name and glory even above family

1. Proximity to God's Holiness Matters

**Leviticus 10:3**

<sup>3</sup> 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.'" ...

2. Everything We Have is at God's Disposal

**Ezekiel 24:15–18**

<sup>15</sup> The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>16</sup> “Son of man, behold, I am about to take the delight of your eyes away from you at a stroke; yet you shall not mourn or weep, nor shall your tears run down. <sup>17</sup> Sigh, but not aloud; make no mourning for the dead. Bind on your turban, and put your shoes on your feet; do not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men.” <sup>18</sup> So I spoke to the people in the morning, and at evening my wife died. And on the next morning I did as I was commanded.

### **Leviticus 10:7**

[must not mourn...] <sup>7</sup> 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.***” ...

### 3. What did this teach Israel/Us?

“It was for a similar reason that Ezekiel was not to lament his wife (24:16, 17). He stood as representative of God; for it is there expressly interpreted to be done with this view. “Ezekiel is unto you a sign” (ver. 24). And here verse 7, “For the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you,” q. d., you are men set apart for his use.

It is not because the Lord disapproves of our mourning over the dead, for he permits all Israel to lament this “*burning*”—both in its cause and in its effect—both for the sin that occasioned it, and the sorrow that resulted. But it is to show how hereafter even friends shall approve of the Lord’s act of justice on the ungodly, while the smoke ascendeth forever and ever. The sons of Aaron are to show this, being representative characters.” <sup>1</sup>

### B. Sober Attention to God’s Instructions (Spiritual discernment)

### **Leviticus 10:8-11**

<sup>8</sup> **And the LORD spoke to Aaron**, saying, <sup>9</sup> “Drink no ***wine or strong drink***, you or your sons with you, when you go into the tent of meeting, ***lest you die.*** It

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<sup>1</sup> **Bonar, A. A.** (1851). *A Commentary on the Book of Leviticus, Expository and Practical* (202). New York: Robert Carter & Brothers.

shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.

<sup>10</sup> *You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean,* <sup>11</sup> and *you are to teach the people of Israel* all the statutes that the LORD has spoken to them by Moses.”

### III. Does this Apply to Christians?

#### Hebrews 10:19–25

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> *by the new and living way that he opened for us* through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> *let us draw near* with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another *to love and good works*, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:9–10

<sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, *we make it our aim to please him*. <sup>10</sup> *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ*, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

#### Ephesians 5:10

<sup>10</sup> and *try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord*.

#### Key Idea

*True worship trusts in the way God has provided for us so that we may boldly draw near to Him, the Holy God, in humble submission, offering everything we have to be used for His service.*

“In general, sin, weakness and various abnormalities profaned the holy and polluted the clean. In the opposite direction, it was the primary job of the blood of sacrifices to cleanse the unclean and to sanctify the common. The state of being common/clean was normal, while holiness and uncleanness were the ‘abnormal’ states in opposite directions.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *New Bible commentary: 21st century edition*. 1994 (D. A. Carson, R. T. France, J. A. Motyer & G. J. Wenham, Ed.) (4th ed.) (Le 11:1–17:16). Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press. **(Both the diagram and the quote)**