

Leviticus 10:1-3

¹ Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu each took an incense burner and put burning coals and incense in it. Then in the LORD'S presence they offered this unauthorized fire. ² A fire flashed from the LORD and burned them, and they died in the presence of the LORD. ³ Moses said to Aaron, "This is exactly what the LORD said: 'I will show my holiness among those who come to me. I will show my glory to all the people.'" Aaron was speechless.

What Nadab and Abihu experienced instantaneously, through disobedience to the Living God; countless other men and women will face at the "Great White Throne Judgment." If you go back into chapter nine of **Leviticus**, you will see all of the preparation that was made, for Aaron and his sons to be consecrated to make holy offerings unto the Lord. So what would make Nadab and Abihu believe that they could offer anything other than what the Lord specifically told them that they could offer? Was it arrogance that blinded them that day; a deep rooted pride that they were the sons of Aaron the High Priest, as well as the nephews of Moses? Did they believe that they were above the Law, and could add their own personal touch to the offerings? Perhaps they weren't all that impressed with the way that God wanted things done, and they believed that they had a better plan. Whatever it was, they met an immediate judgment for their sin! I see very little difference between these men, and many of the leaders in the church today. Our God is very specific on His Laws, Ordinances, Precepts and Commandments. So why do so many church leaders believe that they are above God's righteous judgment? Can you imagine being Aaron, preparing to make a holy offering to the Lord, and only then to see the demise of your very own sons for their disobedience? No matter the man was speechless, who could he have argued to in their defense? I have often wondered why Aaron did not meet the same judgment as his sons, for making the 'golden calf'. Perhaps Nadab and Abihu thought after seeing their father's blatant disregard as a license for them to do whatever they wanted. It may even be, that part of Aaron's judgment for making the calf, was the death of his own sons. Regardless of how and why all of this played out, the point that must be made, is that each of us will one day very soon be held accountable by a Holy God for our choices here on this earth.

Perhaps you have been getting away with something for years, that you know God hates. The Holy Spirit is very faithful to illuminate those areas in each of our lives. The question for each of us is, "What you we going to do with the knowledge that has been given to you?" Many people believe they are above God's judgment, because they are the pastor, a church leader, or their children. Some believe that getting an education at a seminary or Bible college puts them above the rest. Still, there are those who believe that grace is a license to do whatever they want. Friends, Satan is a master of deception, and any one of us can easily fall for one of his lies. Nadab and Abihu are clear examples for all of us, of the eventual consequences that will fall for living outside of God's Laws and plans. Please don't allow yourself to be deceived by your own lusts and desires. If you are guilty of playing these very deadly games with the Lord, then I exhort you to stop today. Make a decision to repent, while you still have the time. Please don't let another day go by, where you're playing Russian roulette with your eternity. Once you have taken your last breath here, then this game is over, for all of time!!