

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

June 3, 2026

### Leviticus 10:1-3

#### Introduction:

1. Aaron and his sons offered the first sacrifices to prepare for the appearance of God.
  - a) Why did God appear before Israel? (Ex. 16.10; 33.18-23)
  - b) How did the glory of the Lord appear? (Lev. 9.22-24)
  - c) Does the glory of God appear today? (John 1.14; Heb. 1.1-3)
2. Chapter 10 records the very first official priestly act of burning incense. But unlike the first sacrifices, the incense did not meet with God's approval.

#### I. THE SIN OF NADAB AND ABIHU

##### A. Who were Nadab and Abihu?

1. **Leviticus 10.1:** *"Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron"* (cf. Num. 3.1-4)
2. **Leviticus 10.1:** *"each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it"*
  - a) Worship is both individual and collective. (1 Cor. 11.18,20,27-31)
  - b) Were Nadab and Abihu authorized to offer incense? (cf. 2 Chr. 26.18)

##### B. What was the sin of Nadab and Abihu?

1. **Leviticus 10.1:** *"offered profane fire before the LORD"*
  - a) "Profane" (zarah): Literally, of a different kind. (cf. Ex. 30.7-9)
  - b) "Fire" Could be literal or representative. (Lev. 16.12; Ex. 30.34-38)
  - c) Some suggest that the incense was offered in the wrong place. (Lev. 16.1,2)
2. **Leviticus 10.1:** *"which He had not commanded them."* Interpretive.

##### C. Worship that is "profane" is that which is different from what is commanded.

1. The worship, work, and organization of the church cannot be different than what is authorized. (1 Cor. 4.6; 1 Pet. 4.11)
2. It is not based solely on intention and sincerity but truth. (John 4.23,24)

#### II. THE JUDGEMENT OF NADAB AND ABIHU

##### A. The nature of the judgment.

1. **Leviticus 10.2:** *"So fire went out from the LORD"* (cf. Lev. 9.24)
  - a) The judgment was appropriate for the sin. (cf. Ex. 21.23,24)
  - b) The judgment was direct. (cf. Num. 16.28-30)
  - c) The judgment was severe. "Devoured" (Lev. 10.4,5)
2. **Leviticus 10.2:** *"and they died before the LORD."*

##### B. The explanation for the judgment.

1. **Leviticus 10.3:** *"By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy"*
  - a) The role of priest required close proximity. (Lev. 21.6,21)
  - b) Who draws near to God today? (1 Pet. 2.5; Heb. 10.19-25; 12.28,29)
2. **Leviticus 10.3:** *"And before all the people I must be glorified."*
3. **Leviticus 10.3:** *"So Aaron held his peace."* Acceptance and submission.