

Leviticus 10:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Nadab and Abihu's Unauthorized Fire**. The tragic death of Aaron's sons for offering unauthorized fire demonstrates the severity of approaching God improperly.

What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

Historical Context

The tragic death of Aaron's sons for offering unauthorized fire demonstrates the severity of approaching God improperly. Chapters 8-10 describe the priesthood's consecration and early ministry. Aaron and his sons received special anointing for their mediatorial role between God and Israel. The tragic account of Nadab and Abihu (ch. 10) demonstrates that approaching God requires reverence and obedience. Ancient Near Eastern cultures had various sacrificial systems, but Israel's sacrificial worship was unique in its ethical foundation, monotheistic framework, and emphasis on atonement rather than appeasement. Unlike pagan rituals focused on manipulating deities, Israel's sacrifices acknowledged God's sovereignty and sought reconciliation based on His gracious provision. Ancient

texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?

Interlinear Text

וַתֵּצֵא	לְפָנַי יְ	יְהוָה:	וַתֹּאכַל	אוֹתָם	
And there went out	fire	before	from the LORD	and devoured	H853
H3318	H784	H6440	H3068	H398	
וַיָּמָתוּ	לְפָנַי יְ	יְהוָה:			
them and they died	before	from the LORD			
H4191	H6440	H3068			

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 26:61 (References Lord): And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

Leviticus 9:24 (References Lord): And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

Numbers 16:35 (References Lord): And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

2 Samuel 6:7 (References Lord): And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

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