

Leviticus 10:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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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.

The Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

The holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

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. The Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's superior priesthood, prefigured in this verse, assure you of access to God and effective intercession?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

אַל	מִשְׁאָל	וְאֶל	אַל	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	אַל	לְבִזְבֵּחַ
called	And Moses	H413	Mishael	H413	and Elzaphan	the sons	of Uzziel
H7121	H4872		H4332		H469	H1121	H5816
דַּד	אֶלְעָזָר	מִן	אֶלְעָזָר	וְרַב	וְרַב	שָׁאָל	אֶת
the uncle	of Aaron	and said	H413	unto them Come near	carry		H853
H1730	H175	H559		H7126	H5375		
אֲחֵיכֶם	מִתְּמִתָּה	פָּנִים	פָּנִים	בְּקָדְשָׁה	אַל	מִן	לְמִקְדָּשָׁה:
your brethren	H853	from before	H6440	the sanctuary	H413	out	of the camp
H251				H6944		H2351	H4264

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 6:22 (Parallel theme): And the sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.

Exodus 6:18 (Parallel theme): And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and three years.

Acts 5:6 (Parallel theme): And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

Numbers 3:30 (Parallel theme): And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

Numbers 3:19 (Parallel theme): And the sons of Kohath by their families; Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

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