

Leviticus 10:7

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.

Hebrews 9-10 explains how Christ's once-for-all sacrifice supersedes the repeated Levitical offerings, providing permanent cleansing from sin.

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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
2. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

וּמִפְתַּח	אֶל	מִזְבֵּחַ	ל	אַתֶּן	תְּצִאֵנִי
from the door	of the tabernacle	of the congregation	to		And ye shall not go out
H6607	H168	H4150	H3808		H3318
לֹא	תָּמֹת	שֶׁמֶן	מִשְׁמֶן	יְהִי	עַלְיָכֶם
lest ye die	oil	for the anointing	of the LORD	the	is upon you
H4191	H8081	H4888	H3068		H5921
וְעַלְיָשׁ	רְאֵבֶן		מִשְׁהָ:		
is upon you	And they did	according to the word	of Moses		
H6213		H1697			H4872

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 21:12 (Temple): Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

Exodus 28:41 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

2 Corinthians 1:21 (Parallel theme): Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

Leviticus 8:30 (References Moses): And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.