

HEROES OF THE FAITH

MOSES: Obedience to God

Chapter 10

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- Aaron/sons had completed the consecration ritual and were ready to begin their priestly service. (8)
- God had just taken Aaron and his four sons through one week of priestly ordination. (9)
- Moses & Aaron (new high priest) blessed Israel. God consumed the offering. (9:24)
- Israel worshiped God. (9:24)
- Unfortunately, men are sinful. Proper, dedicated, & right worship to God do not last long.
- External purification cannot change the condition of the human heart.
- Aaron sons – Nadab & Abihu (the eldest sons) – sinned against God. (vv. 1-3; Exodus 28:1)
 - ❖ These men profaned the sanctuary. (v. 1)
 - ❑ Issue: God had not commanded these men to bring a strange fire before Him.
 - ❖ God's judgment was swift and harsh. (v. 2)
 - ❑ Within the tabernacle, fire came from the LORD.
 - ❑ It consumed the priests – Aaron's sons. They died before the LORD.
 - ❖ God spoke to Moses about Aaron's sons' actions. (v. 3)
 - ❑ Those who are near Me will sanctify – set God apart; provide proper worship - Him.
 - ❑ Before the people, I will be glorified.
 - ❑ After hearing God speak, Aaron did not respond.
 - ❑ God will not endorse sin...regardless of who does it. Misplaced worship is costly.
 - ❑ Acts 5:1-11: Ananias & Sapphira
 - ❑ Messages
 - God is real. He isn't interested in religion. Rather, complete obedience to Him.
 - He is not to be trifled with – taken lightly. Sin has a price, and, it has consequences.
 - To disobey God is to do so at your own peril. His holiness will not be violated.
 - To whom much is given much is required.
- Moses called his uncle's sons – Mishael & Elzaphan. (v. 4)
- They carried the dead bodies out of the camp, as Moses instructed. (v. 5)
- Moses gave instructions to Aaron, and his youngest two sons – Eleazar & Ithamar. (vv. 6-7)
 - ❖ Do not let their hair hang loose. (v. 6)
 - ❖ Do not tear your garments in grieving, lest you also would die.
 - ❖ Do not go outside the tabernacle entrance, lest you die. (v. 7)
 - ❖ God's anointing oil was upon them.
 - ❖ They obeyed His commands.



➤ God spoke to Aaron. (vv. 8-11)

- ❖ This is the only time in Leviticus God spoke directly to Aaron. (v. 8)
- ❖ Strong indication Nadab & Abihu profaned the LORD's house because they were drunk. (v. 9)
- ❖ One danger from alcohol is that it can rob a person of his reason.
- ❖ Under the influence, one will do things he otherwise would never do.
- ❖ God prohibited wine, or strong drink, for priests when they entered the tabernacle.
- ❖ This was a generational commandment.
- ❖ God warned His priests must have discernment. (v. 10)
 - ☐ Being able to distinguish between what is holy and unclean.
 - ☐ Being able to distinguish between what is sin and what is righteousness.
 - ☐ Being able to distinguish between what is morally impure and what is morally pure.
- ❖ Priests had the responsibility to teach God's law (Scripture) to His people. (v. 11)

➤ Moses spoke to Aaron, and his surviving two sons. (vv. 12-15)

- ❖ Take what was leftover from the grain offering and eat it. (v. 12; 2:4-10)
 - ☐ The memorial portion was given to God. (2:4-10)
 - ☐ It was unleavened. It was holy.
 - ☐ They were to eat it outside the tabernacle's entrance next to the altar.
- ❖ God commanded this portion was due Aaron and his sons as Israel's priests. (v. 13)
- ❖ The breast and thigh from the peace offering their families were to eat. (v. 14)
- ❖ God commanded the thigh and breast was the priests to enjoy forever. (v. 15)

➤ Moses found Aaron & his sons had not eaten of the sin offering, as was normal. (vv. 16-20)

- ❖ Moses was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar who had not followed God's sacrificial requirements. (v. 16)
- ❖ They had not eaten their portion of the sin offering. (v. 17)
 - ☐ Their God-given responsibility.
 - ☐ Bear the sin of the people.
 - ☐ Make atonement for Israel before the LORD.
- ❖ The blood of the sin offering had not been taken into the tabernacle. (v. 18)
- ❖ Aaron interceded for his sons. (v. 19)
 - ☐ They had offered both their sin and burnt offerings to God.
 - ☐ The blood of those offerings was not sprinkled in the tabernacle.
 - ☐ The days events were indeed exceptional (death of his sons).
 - ☐ Aaron's defense of his sons displayed his fear of God's holiness.
- ❖ When Moses saw the spiritual growth of his brother, he was pleased. (v. 20)



Group Questions

- 1) Define sin. Use Romans 3:23, 5:8, & 6:23. In these texts, sin is presented from different vantage points. In the Greek, consider these thoughts. Sin means missing the mark. To choose to wander from God's law. To willingly violate God's law. To err, to wander from the path of righteousness and honor. These tools will assist you in crafting a strong definition of sin from the given texts.

- 2) In the Bible, God shows us sin has consequences. Remember, sin is a direct result of misplaced worship - when a person chooses to place someone, or something, above God. Review verses 1-2. Notice God's response to the sin in verse 3. God's warning in verses 8-11. Carefully analyze what happened, what it means, & how it applies to us. Be careful not to allow tradition to influence you in this moment. Do not allow your opinion to trump God's intent for your life.

- 3) Read Exodus 34:14, Nahum 1:2, & Matthew 22:37-40. Once again, review verse 3. In Genesis 1:26-28 God created mankind for a purpose. What is it? According to Isaiah 43:7, children of God are unique. Why? Sin impacts our relationship with God. How? Why does the Evil One spend so much time trying to allure Christians to sin? Use no conjecture. Utilize biblical truth in answering these questions.

- 4) As always, write down one other major takeaway God has given you from this chapter.

