

**OUR LORD AND PUNISHMENT OF PRIESTS
(HIS HOLINESS, HIS PRIESTS, HIS GRACE)
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INTRODUCTION:

- **GOD SPEAKS**
- **HIS SON (TODAY)**
- **SPOKE IN MANY WAYS (OLD TESTAMENT)**

- **GOD SPEAKS CLEARLY THROUGH DEMONSTRATION**
MAJESTY, GLORY – CREATION
POWER – RED SEA
LOVE – CROSS

- **TODAY LEVITICUS 10, HE WILL DEMONSTRATE HIS HOLINESS, HIS HOLY JUSTICE, AND HOLY WRATH BY FIRE.**
- **A JUST PUNISHMENT FOR CORRUPTING THE WORSHIP OFFERED UP TO HIM.**

- **PRIESTS: REPRESENT PEOPLE TO GOD, AND GOD TO THE PEOPLE.**
- **TODAY WE ARE HIS HOLY PRIESTHOOD**

- **LEVITICUS 10: SHOW THREE THINGS**
 - 1.) **MUST APPROACH GOD IN HOLINESS**
 - 2.) **HIS PEOPLE MUST WALK IN HOLINESS**
 - 3.) **HIS GRACE, WHICH IS HIS HOLINESS OFFERED UP TO TAKE THE PUNISHMENT OF SINNERS**

LET'S PRAY....Charlie, relax and listen

CONTEXT:

- **HIGH POINT / HISTORY OF ISRAEL**
FREED SLAVERY / RED SEA / LAW AT SINAI / TABERNACLE
PRIESTS CONSECRATED / SACRIFICIAL ATONEMENT
WORSHIP INAUGURATED
- **CHAPTERS 8 AND 9**
OBEYED GOD 12 TIMES / PRECISION TABERNACLE
GOD APPEARS
PEOPLE REJOICE

T / S

CHAPTER 10 – A SUDDEN LOW POINT

- **NADAB AND ABIHU DISOBEY**
- **CORRUPT WORSHIP**
- **GOD EXACTS JUDGEMENT**

**FROM CONSECRATION / ORDINATION / INAUGURATION /
CONTAMINATION**

T / S

READ LEVITICUS 10:1-3

- **NADAB & ABIHU – THEIR EXPOSURE / RESPONSIBILITY**
- **STRANGE FIRE – DIRECT DISOBEDIENCE**
- **PROFANE / CORRUPT / COUNTERFEIT**
- **FIRE FROM GOD**

VERSE 3: MOSES TRUTH & LOVE SHARES VERSE 3

PURPOSE: SEVERE PUNISHMENT = STRONG MESSAGE FOR PRIESTS MUST DO IT MY WAY

- **GOD ABHORS SIN AND HIS RIGHTEOUS WRATH WILL PUNISH**
- **UPMOST REGARD FOR HIS HOLINESS**
- **PRESERVE WORSHIP**
- **HIS WAY ONLY**
- **HIS GRACE**

T / S

SEE AARON'S RESPONSE: AFFIRMS GOD'S JUDGEMENT, KNEW WARNING, NO DEBATE, NO JUSTIFIABLE ANGER, NO EXCUSES

JUDGEMENT DAY, ALL MOUTHS SHALL BE SILENCED

T / S

PEOPLE THINK UNJUST / HARSH PUNISHMENT BECAUSE NO UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S HOLINESS AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF SIN

SERIOUSNESS OF SIN: ADAM AND EVE

- **SIN CAUSES DEATH, DESTRUCTION, KILLS, SEPARATES FROM FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD**

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S HOLINESS: HOW DO WE?

- **THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE OF GOD LIKE NO OTHER**
- **SOME UNDERSTANDING OF HIS LOVE, MERCY AND FAITHFULNESS**
- **UNIQUENESS / OTHERNESS / SET APARTNESS / LIKE NO OTHER....CREATOR, SOVEREIGN CONTROL OVER ALL**
(READ ISAIAH 40 – OPTIONAL)

- **OUR ERROR: WE COMPARE GOD TO US**

T / S – (IF SPIRIT PERMITS)

(BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF GOD'S HOLINESS)

ISAIAH 6, PETER, JOHN, JOB

T / S - OTHER TIME OF GOD'S SWIFT AND JUST JUDGEMENTS BEFORE THE PEOPLE

- **UZZA: PARTY, FAMILIARITY, GOD NOT IMPRESSED – CORRECTED**
- **KORAH: FIRE -- REVOLT AGAINST GOD'S LEADERS
SEE JUDE - GOSSIP**
- **ANANIAS & SAPHIRA – HYPOCRISY, GOD NOT IMPRESSED BY MONEY – WANTS THE HEART**

PURPOSE, PRESERVE PURITY OF WORSHIP, DEMONSTRATE GOD'S HOLINESS, HE SEES ALL, IN CONTROL, ALWAYS REMEMBER TO GROW OTHERS IN HOLINESS

T / S – IF THINK GOD OF OLD TESTAMENT IS HARSH OR UNJUST, HEAR THE WORDS OF JESUS. HE HAD THE SAME CONCERNS

- **FEAR NOT HIM WHO CAN DESTROY YOUR BODY, BUT HIM WHO CAN DESTROY BOTH YOUR BODY AND SOUL IN HELL**

T / S – JESUS ADDRESSED ATTITUDES OF PRIDE, LAZINESS, COMPLACENCY, CAVALIER, LACK OF FEAR, DISREGARD FOR TRUTH, USING PARABLES

- **10 VIRGINS (CARED ABOUT PARTY, NOT BRIDEGROOM)**
- **MARRIAGE FEAST (NO REPENTANCE, WRONG CLOTHES)**
- **MASTER LEAVES & COMES HOME (EVIL SLAVE DRINKS)**

**T / S - TRANSITION FROM LAST SUBJECT TO NEXT ONE
REMARK ON HOW MOSES AND AARON KEPT THE MISSION GOING**

T / S – POINT #2 – GOD'S PEOPLE WILL LIVE HOLY, CALLED OUT, SET APART --- NOW GOD'S ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

- **READ LEVITICUS 10:8-11**
**NEW STATUTE GIVEN: NO ALCOHOL BEFORE WORSHIP
EPHESIANS 5:18, “BE NOT DRUNK ON WINE.....”**

PROVERBS 20:1, “WINE IS A MOCKER.....”
ROMANS 14:20-21, “DO NOT CAUSE STUMBLE”

T / S – MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN HOLY AND PROFANE

- **1ST PETER 2:9 AND ROMANS 6:19**

T / S – TRUE HOLINESS IS AN ATTITUDE / PASSION FOR GOD
HEBREWS 12:14, WITHOUT HOLINESS, NO ONE WILL SEE GOD

- **YEARNING, SEEKING, MOURNING SIN, REPENTING, CRYING OUT, PANTING, POOR IN SPIRIT, LONGING FOR INTIMACY, DELIGHTING IN HIS LAW**
- **PHARISEE VS. PUBLICAN**

T / S – TRUE WORSHIP – CHRIST’S EXAMPLE

HEBREWS 5:7, PHIL. 2:5, GETHSAME, JOHN 14:33

- **WOMAN WITH PERFUME**
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T/S – AS WE CLOSE, THE 3RD AND LAST POINT WE SEE IN LEVITICUS 10 IS GOD’S GRACE

- **AARON’S OTHER SONS FAILED TO CARRY OUT THE WORSHIP AND SACRIFICES PROPERLY**
- **MOSES ANGRY / AARON EXPLAINED**
- **MOSES ACCEPTED - SEEMED GOOD - LET IT GO**

➤ **SEE GOD’S GRACE**

➤ **GRATEFUL GOD IS HOLY AND IN CHARGE**

➤ **HIS HOLINESS IS THE GRACE THAT CAN SAVE YOU**

➤ **HIS HOLINESS DEMANDS JUST PUNISHMENT FOR SIN**

➤ **HIS LOVE IS OFFERED AT THE CROSS ONLY BECAUSE JESUS IS HOLY, IT WILL SATISFY THE JUSTICE OF GOD’S RIGHTEOUS PUNISHMENT FOR MY SIN.**

➤ **GOD SPEAKS**

➤ **GOD WANTS A RELATIONSHIP**

➤ **HE HAS SHOWN THE WAY (LEVITICUS, AND THE CROSS)**

➤ **HE IS HOLY**

➤ **WITHOUT HOLINESS, NO ONE CAN SEE GOD**

➤ **A REAL JUDGEMENT IS COMING TO ALL**

➤ **JESUS TOOK THE FIRE FOR ALL WHO RECEIVE HIM AND TO THOSE WHO DON'T, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE JUST AND HOLY PUNISHMENT YOU DESERVE IN A REAL HELL**

➤ **HE WANTS YOU**

➤ **SEE THE SERIOUSNESS OF SIN**

➤ **SEE HIS HOLINESS, SEE HIS GRACE**

LOOK AT THE CROSS

IT WILL SHOW YOU ALL THREE

2ND CORINTHIANS 5:21...MAKE SURE YOU HAVE HIS WEDDING GARMENT ON... THE MIRACLE; BEING BORN AGAIN

(READ ISAIAH 30)

COME TO THE ALTAR