

“Taking God Seriously”

The crimes of Nadab and Abihu...

1. They entered into a **forbidden place** – the **Holy of Holies**.

Lev 16:1-2 *1 The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron who died when they approached the Lord. 2 The Lord said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die, because I appear in the cloud over the atonement cover. NIV*

2. They behaved with a complete **lack of reverence**.

Lev 19:30 *... have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the Lord. NIV*

3. They offered “**strange fire**” before the Lord.

Lev 16:12-13 *12 He is to take a censer full of burning coals from the altar before the LORD and two handfuls of finely ground fragrant incense and take them behind the curtain. 13 He is to put the incense on the fire before the LORD, and the smoke of the incense will conceal the atonement cover above the Testimony, so that he will not die. NIV*

4. Nadab and Abihu were **drunk** when they entered into God’s presence.

Lev 10:8-10 *8 Then the Lord said to Aaron, 9 "You and your sons are not to drink wine or other fermented drink whenever you go into the Tent of Meeting, or you will die. This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. 10 You must distinguish between the holy and the common, between the unclean and the clean..." NIV*

Lessons for us...

1. Those who are called to be spiritual leaders honor God by **acting honorably** and by having a **high view** of God’s word.
2. The most precious sacrifice that you can offer God is that of **a heart totally devoted to Him**.

Ps 51:16-17

6 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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