

# Leviticus

In 5 Minutes

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## When:

- Leviticus picks up where Exodus left off. The children of Israel are on their way through the wilderness to the Canaan land.
- According to Leviticus 8, the Tabernacle had already been erected, which would place the year at approximately 1490 B.C. (one year after the Israelites left Egypt).

## Application:

- Do you think God overreacted in killing Nadab and Abihu?
- I've heard a lot of people accuse God of overreacting for killing Nadab and Abihu for doing something as small as using "unauthorized fire."
- But maybe the problem is that we tend to underreact to unholiness.
- In my experience, people tend to downplay the holiness of God by downplaying the seriousness of their sins, or by assuming sin isn't as serious now that Jesus died for them.
- We don't take God's holiness seriously enough. Yes, He is our Father, and yes, we have a relationship with Him, but our closeness to Him doesn't mean He hates sin less than He did in Leviticus 10.
- It's not as if God is more comfortable with our sinning now that Jesus died for us.
- If we aren't careful, we can fall into the trap of assuming our sins aren't serious because we, in our failings, give Jesus' grace a chance to abound (Romans 6:1-2).

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## Outline:

### - THE LORD KILLS NADAB AND ABIHU (10:1-7):

- + Nadab and Abihu entered the Tabernacle and offered an incense sacrifice to the Lord.
- + But God was displeased with their actions because they “offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them.”
- + Fire came out from the Lord and killed Aaron’s two sons.
- + Moses asked two of his cousins, Mishael and Elzaphan, to carry Nadab and Abihu’s bodies outside of the camp.
- + Aaron and the other priests were forbidden from publicly mourning the dead and they were told to remain in the Tabernacle.

### - GOD SPEAKS TO AARON (10:8-11):

- + The Lord spoke to Aaron and forbid him and his sons from drinking alcohol before entering the Tabernacle.
- + The priests were to set the example of holiness and teach the people all the laws of God.

### - MOSES SPEAKS TO AARON (10:12-20):

- + Moses reminded Aaron and his sons to complete their daily offerings in the manner God prescribed.
- + He was angry at Aaron’s other sons, Eleazar and Ithamar, because they had not eaten the meat of the goat used for a sin offering.
- + Aaron told Moses he had not thought it appropriate to eat the meat of the sin offering considering the events of the day.
- + After hearing his explanation, Moses agreed.

