



### **Scriptural Background:** Lev 10

*"Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, which he had not commanded them...and they died before the LORD." Lev 1:1-2*

Fire was a beautiful picture of God's glory, approval (Lev 9:23-24), or judgment (Mal 4:1) in the OT. It was also a means for priests to communicate confession and praise to God from His people (Lev 5:10). Nadab and Abihu disobeyed God by presenting unauthorized incense (Ex 30:9), together performing a task required by one priest alone (Lu 1:9; Heb 5:4-5), and offering worship to God according to their will and wisdom and not the Lord's (Lev 9:7). We are likewise guilty of disobeying God's acceptable worship, offering worship that is influenced by the spirit of this age and not the Spirit of God. Yet, we can escape the fate of these two sinful priests. The system of law and priesthood was insufficient to shield sinners from God's glory and wrath; instead, it exposed the need for a more excellent High Priest and Sacrifice.

The One True High Priest has come (Heb 9:11-12). Jesus is our Mediator (I Tim 2:5) and final Sacrifice (Isa 53:5), thereby inviting us into the priesthood of believers (I Pet 2:4-5), granting us the privilege to offer acceptable worship and obedience to our LORD Jesus Christ (Heb 13:15-17).

### **Prayer:**

*Lord Jesus, I confess self-serving worship focused on my preference or earthly desire. Thank you for shielding me from Your wrath and granting me full access to You as one of Your chosen and precious priests. Remind me that You were the blood Sacrifice, the High Priest, and the final Mediator on the cross so I may better obey Your commands in worship to You. Amen.*

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