

Leviticus 9-10 – God’s Glory.

I. (1-2) Offerings for Aaron.

The work of the priesthood came **on the eighth day**; as part of the consecration ceremony, Aaron and his sons lived for an entire week at the tabernacle of meeting. Yet they still had sin to atone for during that week.

II. (3-67) Offerings for the people

Everything Aaron did in the last week prepared him for this moment. This was the goal of the week of separation and consecration to the LORD - **the display of His glory.**

i. (8-14) Aaron offers sacrifice for his own sin, along with a burnt offering.

This was a display of humility before the people. Aaron, before offering a sacrifice of atonement for the people, publicly offered one for himself, identifying himself with the people.

ii. (15-21) Aaron offers the sacrifice on behalf of the people.

iii. (22-24) God blesses Israel with a display of His glory.

God proved His presence by sending the fire to consume the sacrifices and His glory, to live among His people.

Numbers 6:24-26 - *“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”* *“So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”*

Seven examples of where God accepted a sacrifice with fire from heaven:

Abel (Genesis 4:4), Aaron (Leviticus 9:24), Gideon (Judges 6:21), Manoah (Judges 13:19-23), David (1 Chronicles 21:28), Solomon (2 Chronicles 7:1), Elijah (1 Kings 18:38).

III. (10:1-20) Nadab and Abihu.

These two sons of Aaron tried to serve the LORD outside given instructions. They came in their own way. Therefore God considered this a **profane (blasphemous)** fire and consumed them. Their bodies were removed, mourning prohibited, some instructions given; alcohol prohibited and Moses scrutinizes the rest of the procedures.

Proverbs 20:1 - *Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.*

- i. **Leviticus 10:3** – **“By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified.”**

God’s glory came down; His brilliance, honor, reputation and presence and thus He MUST be honored/respected.

“God is in a class by himself. He has infinite perfections, infinite greatness, and infinite worth.”

Isaiah 42:8 - *I am the LORD, that is My name; and **My glory** I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images.*

Isaiah 49:3 - *“And He said to me, ‘You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.*

Isaiah 61:1-3 - *“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be **glorified.**”*

John 1:14 - *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

2 Corinthians 4:5-7 - *For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.*

Psalms 29:2 - *Give **unto the LORD the** glory due to His name; Worship **the** LORD in **the** beauty of holiness.*

Colossians 3:23 - *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.*