



Sermon Discussion Guide

The Forgotten Torah: Leviticus

Leviticus 10:1-11

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

1. Often modern readers really struggle with details of the story of Nadab and Abihu. Ronnie told a story about his childhood neighbor who was electrocuted and lost her arms. Her parents were sad, but did not say, "My goodness, electricity is too harsh." Everyone understands the dangerous properties of electricity. How is this a helpful analogy for understanding the hard parts of this story?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

THE PRIESTLY RITUALS

1. Nadab and Abihu's actions (i.e. unauthorized fire, drunkenness, entering Holy of Holies) tell a story that they believed that God's power can be contained and domesticated, similar to Ronnie wielding his "He-man" sword. How have you tried to control God through formulas or works?

THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

1. Every year the NFL adds more and more rules to protect their players. Even still, injuries are increasing every year. The rules give a false confidence. Similarly, after Nadab and Abihu died, the two younger brothers were given more rules and regulations so that they don't die as well. With all the rules and regulations, the reader is left wondering if what is needed is more rules, since God's presence is a minefield. This story aims to show that the rules and regulations are not sufficient. How are Christians tempted to see their relationship with God as a list of rules to follow so that God accepts them? Does your relationship with God feel like a minefield? How is Christ showing you a new way to relate to him?

Step 3: Final Reflections

1. Jesus clearly teaches us that every story in the Torah is about Him. In the same way that Aaron's sons died, were taken outside the camp, so that the people could glorify God; God's son died

outside the camp (cf. Heb 13:11-12) so that the people could glorify God. How have you appreciated what Christ has done for you through this tragic story in the Old Testament?

2. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
3. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?