

WORSHIPING GOD WITH A TRUE HEART.

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Leviticus 10:1-3 NKJV

1 Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.

2 So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

3 And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.'

profane is "to treat something sacred with irreverence or disrespect." It means to treat what is holy as common or ordinary.

Remember Ananias and Sapphira:

Act 5:1-5, 8-11-Passion

Act 5:1 Now, a man named Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, likewise sold their farm.

Act 5:2 They conspired to secretly keep back for themselves a portion of the proceeds. So when Ananias brought the money to the apostles, it was only a portion of the entire sale.

Act 5:3 *God revealed their secret to Peter*, so he said to him, "Ananias, why did you let Satan fill your heart and make you think you could lie to the Holy Spirit? You only pretended to give it all, yet you hid back part of the proceeds from the sale of your property to keep for yourselves.

Act 5:4 Before you sold it, wasn't it yours to sell or to keep? And after you sold it, wasn't the money entirely at your disposal? How could you plot such a thing in your heart? You haven't lied to people; you've lied to God!"

Act 5:5 The moment Ananias heard those words, he fell over dead. Everyone was terrified when they heard what had happened.

Then comes the wife:

Act 5:8 Peter said to her, "Tell me, were the two of you paid this amount for the sale of your land?" Sapphira said, "Yes, that's how much it was."

Act 5:9 Peter told her, "Why have you agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? I hear the footsteps of those who buried your husband at the door—they're coming here to bury you too!"

Act 5:10 At that moment she dropped dead at Peter's feet. When the young men came in, she was already dead, so they carried her out and buried her next to her husband.

Act 5:11 The entire church was seized with a powerful sense of the fear of God, which came over all who heard what had happened.

What we saw with Ananias and Sapphira is: The greater God's manifest glory, the greater and swifter the judgment of irreverence.

Isaiah 29:13

13 This is what the Lord says about these people: "They come near to me with hollow words and honor me superficially with their lips; all the while their hearts run far away from me! Their worship is nothing more than man-made rules.

Revelation 2: 23

Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve.

We need to ask ourselves: Do I continually live with awareness that God knows my innermost thoughts, motives, and intentions? This is Holy Fear!

Philippians 2:12–13 NKJV

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Passion – 12b...Now you must continue to make this new life fully manifested as you live in the holy awe of God—which brings you trembling into his presence.

13 God will continually revitalize you, implanting within you the passion to do what pleases him.

Trembling - Greek - *trómos*, which is defined as "a trembling from fear, terror . . . or profound reverence, respect."

What's attached to our judgment:

2 Corinthians 5: 8-9 NKJV

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Therefore, we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

2 Corinthians 5: 10–11 NKJV

For we [believers] must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.

We'll be examined regarding how we lived as believers, and both good and bad will be examined.

Colossians 1:10 AMPC

That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work.

We need to ask ourselves: Is my life pleasing to God?

My confession: I will revere God no matter how powerfully or softly He manifests His presence.

I will live my life knowing God is fully aware of my intentions, thoughts, words, and actions.

Pleasing God is my first priority in life. He is working in me both to will and to do His good pleasure.