

## **Into His Presence      Leviticus 9:1 – 10:3**

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### **Into His Presence    Introduction**

This passage may seem:

- Confusing
- Difficult
- Harsh

This passage is nonetheless:

- Not unique in the Bible
- Essential to our understanding of Christ

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### **Into His Presence    Key verses**

- Leviticus 9:6-7
- Leviticus 9:23-24
- Leviticus 10:1-3
  
- Also note: Hebrews 12:29
- Compare: Leviticus 9:24 & 10:2

### **Into His Presence    Similar Situations**

- Joshua 7 – Achan – entering the Promised Land
- 2 Samuel 6 – Uzzah – bringing the ark into Jerusalem
- Acts 5 – Ananias and Sapphira – and their property

### **Into His Presence    False Hopes**

This passage warns against:

- Going beyond boundaries set by God in worship or service.
- Empty enthusiasm that imitates the work of the Spirit.
- See John 4:23-24

Wishful thinking?

- Formalism – based on rituals
- Legalism – based on rules
- A good upbringing or good behavior
- Mere sorrow over sin
- Mere religious fervor of any kind

## **Into His Presence Possible Objections**

Aren't other people just as good as Christians? How can God condemn them?

- Yes, they are just as good – or just as bad.
- A true Christian believes he/she has no merit before God but the merit of Christ.
- This is precisely what others lack – but are welcome to receive.

Why such a high price? Why such a harsh penalty? Why death?

- God had given clear instructions.
- Not a ceremonial flaw, but in essence rebellion.
- It's not unusual for rebellion against a ruler to be punishable by death.
  
- To reduce the penalty is to attempt to find merit in the fallen human condition.
- Merit seeks a right standing before God.
- Merit says, "We are good enough."
  
- The law cannot reward goodness.
- It can only condemn wrong.

Why just one way? Isn't that closed minded?

- *The Bible's answer:*
- Our situation was so hopeless that only God could provide the remedy.
- His remedy is Jesus Christ.

Possible Analogies:

- Why only one sun to shine over the whole earth?
- Why do our lungs only process oxygen when we breathe?
- Why only oxygen from air and not water?
- Why are some things more expensive than we wish?
- Only Jesus saves.

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## **Into His Presence Conclusions**

- Hebrews 9:11-14
- Hebrews 10:19-23
- Hebrews 13:20-21
- Acts 4:12

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