

“I Must Be Regarded as Holy”

The Obedience of the Saints

Incense

“Aaron shall burn on it sweet **incense** every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn **incense** on it. And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn **incense** on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. You shall not offer **strange incense** on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering; nor shall you pour a drink offering on it. (Exodus 30:7-9)

- **Strange** - זָרָה (*zār*): illegitimate, unauthorized

Incense

And the LORD said to Moses: “Take sweet *spices*, *stacte* and *onycha* and *galbanum*, and pure *frankincense* with these sweet spices; there shall be equal amounts of each. You shall make of these an incense, a compound according to the art of the perfumer, salted, pure, and holy. And you shall beat some of it very fine, and put some of it before the Testimony in the tabernacle of meeting where I will meet with you. ***It shall be most holy to you.*** But as for the incense which you shall make, you shall not make any for yourselves, according to its composition. ***It shall be to you holy for the LORD. Whoever makes any like it, to smell it, he shall be cut off from his people.***” (Exodus 30:34-38)

Incense

He put the gold altar in the tabernacle of meeting in front of the veil; and he burned *sweet incense* on it, as the Lord had commanded Moses. (Exodus 40:26-27)

“The Glory of YHWH”

- Leviticus 9:1-24 - Priestly Ministry Begins
- Command: ***This is the thing which the LORD commanded you to do, and the glory of the LORD will appear to you.*** (Lev 9:6)
- Act of Obedience: Offerings: Burnt, sin, peace, wave, for Aaron, his family and the people
- God’s Action: ***Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people,*** (Lev 9:23)
- Glory - כְּבוֹד (kabod): heaviness, weight, honor, “the presence of God”

Leviticus 10:1 – Profane fire

- 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. **(NKJV)**
- Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu put coals of fire in their incense burners and sprinkled incense over them. In this way, they *disobeyed* the LORD by burning before him the *wrong kind of fire*, different than he had commanded. **(NLT)**
- 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. **(ESV)**
- Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered *strange* fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. **(NASB)**
- But Nadav and Avihu, sons of Aharon, each took his censer, put fire in it, laid incense on it, and offered *unauthorized* fire before ADONAI, something he had not ordered them to do. **(CJB)**

Holy

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.’ ”*

(Lev 10:3)

- **Holy** - קִדָּשׁ (qadash): set apart, removed from common use, subject to special treatment, to be pure, clean
- **Questions:** What does this verse say about God? What does this verse say about Man? What does God expect from His People? Does Jesus (Yeshua) crucifixion, burial, and resurrection change this relationship?

1 John 1:1-5

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)

What does this say about God?

1 John 1:6-2:2

- 1 Jn 1:6 - If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. (Choice 1 - Disobey)
- 1 Jn 1:7 - ***But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (Choice 2 - Obey)***
- 1 Jn 1:8 - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (Choice 1 - Disobey)
- 1 Jn 1:9 - ***If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Choice 2 - Obey)***
- 1 Jn 1:10 - If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (Choice 1 - Disobey)
- 1 Jn 2:1-2 - ***My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. (Choice 2 - Obey)***

What does this say about Christians/Believers/Messianics?