

**The Basis of All Our Priestly Service—
The Fire from the Altar of Burnt Offering**

Message 2 - Week 3

Thursday

Lev. 10:1-2 – Footnote 2¹

Matt. 16:24-26

Psa. 19:13

D. Strange fire is fire of the self; it is fire that issues from the soulish life, the fleshly life, and the natural life—Matt. 16:24-26; 1 Cor. 2:14:

1 Cor. 2:14 says, “But a soulish man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him and he is not able to know them because they are discerned spiritually.”

1. Strange fire means that the self-life interferes with the works of God.

This is why we need to go altar of burnt offering. The fire has to go through the cross.

2. Although the works are God’s, the self-life wants to dictate the way that the works are carried out.

3. Offering up strange fire is employing the self’s methods and wisdom and insisting on the self’s proposals in the service of God.

E. Nadab and Abihu were judged not because they did something that was not for God but because they acted according to the natural life and did something for God in a natural way—Lev. 10:1-2.

F. The offering of strange fire was a sin of presumption; Nadab and Abihu presumed to do something for God—Psa. 19:13.

We know what happened to them. They offered something to God which He had not accepted. This is called the sin of presumption.

G. This is a strong warning showing us that, in touching the divine things, we need to apply the cross to our natural life; otherwise, we will suffer spiritual death.

H. God pays attention not only to whether there is fire but also to the source and nature of the fire; our zeal must come from the altar—Lev. 6:13.

I. Everyone who is called of God must realize that he is a thornbush with a fire burning within him and that this fire is God Himself—Exo. 3:2-6: