

Are You Following Jesus This Closely?

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The Danger of Getting Closer to God

Don't Get Careless in Your Coming: Presumptuous Actions Have Consequences

Lev 9:23 Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people. Then, the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. 24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD to consume the burnt offering and the fat upon the altar. When all the people saw, they shouted and fell on their faces.

Lev 10:1 Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.

2 Fire went out from the LORD to devour them, so they died before the LORD.

3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying, I will be sanctified in those who come near me. I will be glorified before all the people."

So Aaron held his peace.

1 Chron 13:6 David and all Israel went up to Baalah, that is, to Kirjath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up the ark of God the LORD, that dwells between the cherubims, whose name is called on it. 7 They carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. 8 David and all Israel played before God with all their might, with singing, with harps, with psalteries, with timbrels, with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 And when they came unto the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled.

10 Anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza. He struck him, because he put his hand to the ark. He died there before God.

Get Close the Way God Tells Us

Heb 10:22 Let us *draw near with a true heart* in full assurance of **faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an **evil conscience** and our bodies washed with **pure** water.

Heb 11:6 Without **faith** it is impossible to please him. *He who comes to God must believe* that He is, and that He **rewards** those who diligently [**work hard to**] **seek** him.

Jam 4:8 **Draw near** to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you **sinners** and **purify** your hearts, you double-minded [**doubters**]. 9 Be **afflicted**, **mourn** and weep. Let your laughter be turned to **mourning**, and your **joy** to **heaviness**. 10 **Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up [read that: "He will **honor** you"].