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Leviticus Chapter 10

Once again, we want to say welcome back and thank you for joining us for our study into Leviticus chapter 10 where we are going to be talking about some extremely important concepts that once again... most of modern-day Christendom has blotted out from what they teach and what they preach.

The beauty of having these Old Testament Scriptures is that they truly do introduce us to who God truly is. And they not only introduce us to who our God truly is, but they also remind us of why our Father in heaven is so different than any other pagan god that is ever been concocted by mankind including the god that most of today's modern-day version of Christianity is worshiping.

As we walk through these God breathed Scriptures that we find in the beginning of the book, we begin to realize how important it is to pay attention to the finest of details that our Father in heaven has laid out before us. Never do we see anywhere within the 66 books of our Bibles where we are told to become complacent or apathetic, or lukewarm, or middle-of-the-road minded when it comes to the spoken word of our Father in heaven.

At the end of this study I think that you will agree with me that Leviticus chapter 10 is truly going to be a rude awakening for many of us who have been slacking in our duties concerning the spoken word of our Father in heaven and what it is that we are to be doing day by day, week by week, and month by month.

When I first read through Leviticus chapter 10, it caused me to stop and to think about all of the minute details that are given to us as 21st-century Christians concerning the spoken word of our Father in heaven. For instance... how many of us wear blue cords on the corners of our hips as we are commanded in the book of Numbers chapter 15? How many Christians today do you see wearing blue cords on the corners of their hips? And if not... why not? The very thing that protects them from deception... they are not doing! In fact, I would submit to you that only the chosen few... only the remnant whom he has chosen are actually doing what he has commanded.

How many of us are blowing the shofar each new moon and at the beginning of each new feast day and appointment of Yahovah? Are we doing these things? Because these are just a couple of examples of some of the smaller more detailed commandments that our Father in

heaven has given us... that most of us aren't even paying attention to. And so, the question then becomes, how does this affect us as true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians? How does this affect our walk with not only our Father in heaven, but his only begotten Son who came so that we could return to his Father. And we must remember why it is that our Messiah had to come in the first place. Our Messiah had to come because we disobeyed our Father in heaven and were not keeping his commandments which caused mankind to fall in the first place!

And so, as we read through Leviticus chapter 10, we find that Leviticus chapter 10 really does paint a picture for us that helps to draw us closer to our Father in heaven because it makes us want to pay closer attention to the commandments that he has given us so that... we can properly show our love for him by being obedient to him.

And I know that all of this might be a little bit difficult to understand without reading Leviticus chapter 10... and so, without further ado let's jump into Leviticus chapter 10 and let's read it for ourselves so that we can know exactly what it does say and just as importantly what it does not say. **Leviticus chapter 10 E1**

Lev 10:1 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.

Lev 10:2 And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

Lev 10:3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD has said: 'Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.'" And Aaron held his peace.

Lev 10:4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, "Come near; carry your brothers away from the front of the sanctuary and out of the camp."

Lev 10:5 So they came near and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said.

Lev 10:6 And Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar his sons, "Do not let the hair of your heads hang loose, and do not tear your clothes, lest you die, and wrath come upon all the congregation; but let your brothers, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning that the LORD has kindled.

Lev 10:7 And do not go outside the entrance of the tent of meeting, lest you die, for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you." And they did according to the word of Moses.

Lev 10:8 And the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying,

Lev 10:9 "Drink no wine or strong drink, you or your sons with you, when you go into the tent of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.

Lev 10:10 You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the

unclean and the clean,

Lev 10:11 and you are to teach the people of Israel all the statutes that the LORD has spoken to them by Moses.”

Lev 10:12 Moses spoke to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar, his surviving sons: “Take the grain offering that is left of the LORD's food offerings, and eat it unleavened beside the altar, for it is most holy.

Lev 10:13 You shall eat it in a holy place, because it is your due and your sons' due, from the LORD's food offerings, for so I am commanded.

Lev 10:14 But the breast that is waved and the thigh that is contributed you shall eat in a clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you, for they are given as your due and your sons' due from the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the people of Israel.

Lev 10:15 The thigh that is contributed and the breast that is waved they shall bring with the food offerings of the fat pieces to wave for a wave offering before the LORD, and it shall be yours and your sons' with you as a due forever, as the LORD has commanded.”

Lev 10:16 Now Moses diligently inquired about the goat of the sin offering, and behold, it was burned up! And he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the surviving sons of Aaron, saying,

Lev 10:17 “Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the place of the sanctuary, since it is a thing most holy and has been given to you that you may bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD?

Lev 10:18 Behold, its blood was not brought into the inner part of the sanctuary. You certainly ought to have eaten it in the sanctuary, as I commanded.”

Lev 10:19 And Aaron said to Moses, “Behold, today they have offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD, and yet such things as these have happened to me! If I had eaten the sin offering today, would the LORD have approved?”

Lev 10:20 And when Moses heard that, he approved.

Once again, as we can clearly see from the first few verses of Leviticus chapter 10, our Father in heaven is clearly making a statement to the house of Israel. And that statement is that Israel existed for God's good purpose, and not the other way around. God does not exist for man, man exists for God. Yahovah the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob created man for his good pleasure to be part of his family, and his children so that he could teach them his ways. Not the other way around. Man does not teach God, God teaches man.

Unfortunately... today's modern-day denominational charters of men have thought to become part of the beast system which has thought to change the times and the laws of the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to their own destruction. And I tell you the truth... this variance, and this wandering away from the truth of our Father's spoken word is something that today's modern-day denominational charters of men are going to stand in the judgment for at the end of the age.

You do not add to... or take away from... Yahovah's spoken word, and think by any means that you are going to get away with transgressing what the Creator of the heavens and the earth has commanded you to do. Aaron sons Nadab and Abihu who were burned alive for bringing unauthorized fire before Yahovah's altar are perfect examples as to why we ought to be more careful in how it is that we keep our Father's commandments. I'd like us to turn to **Deuteronomy 6:17-25 E2**

Deu 6:17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you.

Deu 6:18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers

Deu 6:19 by thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has promised.

Deu 6:20 "When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?'

Deu 6:21 then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Deu 6:22 And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes.

Deu 6:23 And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers.

Deu 6:24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.

Deu 6:25 And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us."

As we comb through these nine Scriptures in the book of Deuteronomy, there are a couple of things that should jump off the pages of the sixth chapter of the book of Deuteronomy and really catch our attention. First are the words "*diligently*" and "*careful*". We are to diligently keep the commandments of Yahovah and his testimonies and his statutes. Why? Because it is righteousness for us if we are "*careful*"... "*carful*"... to do all this commandment before Yahovah as he has commanded us.

Now, I know that there is always going to be a wolf in sheep's clothing standing in the crowd that is going to proudly proclaim that all of this is written in the Old Testament so it really doesn't mean anything. But that's not what our Messiah told us in the fifth chapter of the book of Matthew. In the fifth chapter of the book of Matthew our Messiah tells us very clearly that he did not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets, but that he came to do them and to be an example to us of how we should also do them. Our Messiah fulfilled the law as our example.

Just as we are told in first John chapter 2... whoever says “*I know him*” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not even in him. But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we know that we are in him. Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. And John goes on to tell us that he is not writing us a new commandment but an old commandment that we had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that we have heard.

And so, I think it’s important for us to understand not only what our Father in heaven is telling us here in the book of Leviticus, but also what his only begotten Son is telling us in the book of first John. These are essentially the exact same message!

When our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 5 that he did not come to abolish the law, but that he came to fulfill the law so that we would pick up our crosses and follow him and also fulfill the law... our Messiah also tells us something else extremely important in the next few verses of Matthew chapter 5. He tells us that not the crossing of a “t” or the darting of an “i” will pass from the law until two very important things happen. Number one, both heaven and earth must pass away, and number two, all things have to be accomplished.

I tell you the truth my friends... Heaven and earth have not passed away, we are still standing on earth and we can still look up to the heavens. And all things have certainly not been accomplished. And all things will not become accomplished until clear at the back of the book in Revelation chapter 21.... not since I, but says our God breed Scripture. And with that being said, I’d like us to turn to **Numbers 15:37-41 (scrn 1)**

Not To Follow After Your Own Heart!


Num 15:37 The LORD said to Moses,

Num 15:38 “Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner.

Num 15:39 And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after.

Num 15:40 So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.

Num 15:41 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the LORD your God.”



What is the whole purpose of us wearing blue cords on the corners of our hips? The purpose

of wearing blue cords on the corners of our hips is so that we will not follow after our own hearts and our own eyes which we are inclined to whore after. What happened to Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu? They decided follow after their own hearts and do something opposite of what was commanded by Yahovah. Nadab and Abihu brought strange fire into the holy of holies where they did not belong to Yahovah offending Yahovah in public before the house of Israel!

When we bring strange fire to the altar, we can expect the wrath of Yahovah upon us. And I want us to understand what bringing strange fire to the altar is all about because I would submit to you my friends that today's modern day version of Christianity has indeed brought strange fire to the altar of Yahovah, and today's modern day version of Christianity is going to stand in judgment for bringing that strange fire to the altar of Yahovah.

They are bringing a people trained up in deception to the altar of Yahovah. They are bringing a people who have not been careful... nor have they been diligent in keeping the spoken word of Yahovah. They practice their own sabbaths, they practice their own festivals, they practice their own appointments and their own precepts and their own commandments, and they serve a make-believe god who can do nothing but what they think is love... because they have made up their own version of love... they serve a false god who dishes up for them a false version of love... that has nothing to do with the one true Most High Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and what true love is according to him because the god that they serve knows nothing of righteousness or justice or recompense let alone... repentance. And you cannot have true "love" without righteousness and justice and recompense. True love is not giving your children all the desires of their hearts. True love is disciplining your children. Those who spare the rod, spoil the child, and far too many have spared the rod and this is exactly why we have so many spoiled rotten children in our culture to this very day. And our Father in heaven is well acclimated with this concept in knowing and understanding that he must have a strong hand concerning his children. Because if he does not have a strong hand concerning his children, his children will indeed be torn apart by the lion who is lurking in the shadows to see who it is that he can tear apart.

There are often times people found in the Scripture who wind up losing their lives over what we think are small infractions. Some will look at Leviticus chapter 10 and the death of Aaron's sons and not understand why Yahovah broke out against them for what they think... is a small infraction. But once again, when we start to think in this way, are we not making ourselves out to be God? Who is the Potter, and who is the clay? And did not the Potter proclaim early on in the Torah... in his spoken word that we are to be careful, and diligent in keeping all of his commandment? Did he not warn us of these things? And do we not know what disobedience leads to?

In order to better understand Leviticus chapter 10, and what happened to the sons of Aaron, we must understand how it was that they willfully and intentionally transgressed the spoken word of Yahovah. Once again, we must remember that all of the elders of the house of Israel who would have clearly numbered in the thousands were standing around the tabernacle

watching the Levitical priesthood of Israel being ordained that day. All of the house of Israel was looking on as these things were taking place. And here we have Nadab and Abihu Aaron's sons blatantly breaking the commandment of Yahovah right in front of the house of Israel and its elders! And these were the priests of Israel!

The first thing that Nadab and Abihu did wrong was to enter into the holy of holies which they were not sanctioned to enter into. How do we know that they entered into the holy of holies to bring this unauthorized fire to Yahovah? Well we must first make note of the fact that they had an incense censer in their hands. Let's also turn to **Leviticus 16:1-2 (scrn 2)**

Do Not Come Into The Holy Place!

Lev 16:1 The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the LORD and died,

Lev 16:2 and the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.



Yahovah himself makes a point to tell Moses to remind Aaron to remind his two other sons Eleazar and Ithamar not to come into the holy Place inside the veil after the death of his first two sons. And so, Yahovah is reminding Aaron not to let the same thing happen to his last two sons. Aarons first two sons Nadab and Abihu also violated the commandment given in **Exodus 30:7-9 (scrn 3)**

AARON SHALL BURN Fragrant Incense On It!

Exo 30:7 And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it,

Exo 30:8 and when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the LORD throughout your generations.

Exo 30:9 You shall not offer unauthorized incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering, and you shall not pour a drink offering on it.



It was Aaron the high priest who was to begin the morning ritual by burning fragrant incenses on the altar in the morning when he dressed the lamps. This was not the duty of his sons but of Aaron alone who was the high priest.

And so, here we have the first inauguration and ordination of the Levitical priesthood taking place in front of the house of Israel and Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu who decide to go off the rails and do as they please. What did they think was going to happen? And my heart goes out to their father Aaron who had to watch his sons die a horrible death, but even Aaron could say nothing in their defense because Aaron knew full well that what they did, they did against Yahovah and his commandment.

Strangely enough, we also find another story that is almost identical to what happened to Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu. This next story that we read about in second Chronicles is actually about a king who sat over Israel for 52 years by the name of Uzziah. King Uzziah also became proud and decided that he was going to enter in to the temple with incense and bring unauthorized fire to the altar. Let's listen to what happened to King Uzziah and **2nd Chronicles 26:14-21 E3**

2Ch 26:14 And Uzziah prepared for all the army shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows, and stones for slinging.

2Ch 26:15 In Jerusalem he made machines, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and great stones. And his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.

2Ch 26:16 But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the LORD his God and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on

the altar of incense.

2Ch 26:17 But Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of the LORD who were men of valor,

2Ch 26:18 and they withstood King Uzziah and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the LORD God."

2Ch 26:19 Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the LORD, by the altar of incense.

2Ch 26:20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they rushed him out quickly, and he himself hurried to go out, because the LORD had struck him.

2Ch 26:21 And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and being a leper lived in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son was over the king's household, governing the people of the land.

King Uzziah never got the opportunity to actually burn his incense on the altar of incense, because Azariah the priest went into the temple after him with 80 other priests who were men of valor and they stopped him. Nevertheless, King Uzziah even though he was a king... wound up being excluded from the house of Yahovah and living to the day he died as a leper.

Once again, the lessons learned from these events should cause all modern-day Christians everywhere to pause and to think. These documented events should indeed cause us to slow down and to think about what we are doing when it comes to the worship of our Father in heaven. Are we worshiping him the way that he wants to be worshiped, or are we worshiping him the way that we feel like worshiping him? Are we doing his will... or are we doing man's will?

Let me ask you this gentleman... how do you think it would be if you came to your wife and told her that you no longer wanted to celebrate your anniversary on the day that you met her... but that you'd rather celebrate the anniversary that you met your old girlfriend? How do you think that would go over? Do you think that your wife would not want to set you in a blaze of fire?

The point that I'm trying to make here is that the house of Israel was already told that Yahovah did not want to be worshiped in any other way other than the way that he had established his people to worship him. They were already told to be diligent and to be careful to keep his commandment. Let's turn to **Deuteronomy 12:28-32 E4**

Deu 12:28 Be careful to obey all these words that I command you, that it may go well with you and with your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right

in the sight of the LORD your God.

Deu 12:29 “When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,

Deu 12:30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.’

Deu 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

Deu 12:32 “Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

Once again, here in Deuteronomy chapter 12, we have the house of Israel being told to be careful to obey the words that Yahovah had commanded them. And our Father in heaven tells us not to inquire about these other pagan gods thinking that we’re going to worship him the same way that that the pagans worshiped their pagan gods. Yahovah tells us very clearly in Deuteronomy chapter 12 verse 31 that we shall not worship him in that way because he has seen the abominable things that these pagan nations have done by even burning their sons and their daughters in the fire to their pagan gods. Yahovah tells us very clearly, that everything that he has commanded us to do we shall be careful to do and we should not add to his commandment or take away from his commandment. And I would submit to you my friends, that today’s denominational Christian churches have willfully and intentionally broken this commandment time and time again by heaping their own sabbaths and their own festivals and their own commandments on top of the true sabbaths and the true festivals and the true commandments of Yahovah.

But then again, this was prophesied in the book of Daniel where we are told that the beast would indeed think to change the times and the laws of the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. If we think that this is not already been done... we need to think again. It’s important that we understand who the beast is and what the beast is especially today in our time as we stand at the end of the age. I tell you the truth... the beast has already arrived, and has not only been living ... but is right now thriving within the modern-day church today. This is exactly why today in our time we are witnessing the great falling away that is coming upon the earth in our time right before our very eyes. It is indeed because lawlessness has increased across the land that the hearts of many have grown cold. And we must understand that lawlessness has increased across the land because the beast has arrived and is literally conquering over those who claim to be Christians today in the 21st century. Christianity today has become a laughingstock because by and large it is a laughingstock in the eyes of our Father in heaven. The devil has made it into a laughingstock by thinking to change the times and the laws of the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and this lawlessness has spilled out into our halls of legislation and into our streets and has indoctrinated our schools and cultures.

Another great example of what happens when we are not careful to keep the commandments

of our Father in heaven can be found in the New Testament in the fifth chapter of the book of Acts where we read about the story of a man by the name of Ananias and his wife Sapphira who sold a piece of property and then kept back for themselves some of the proceeds... and only brought a portion of what they had made to the apostles. Let's turn to **Acts 5:1 through 11 E5**

Act 5:1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,

Act 5:2 and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Act 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?"

Act 5:4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."

Act 5:5 When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it.

Act 5:6 The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

Act 5:7 After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

Act 5:8 And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much."

Act 5:9 But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

Act 5:10 Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

Act 5:11 And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

We as modern-day Christians often times think that telling a little white lie is meaningless. But I would submit to you that our Father in heaven sees and hears and understands every little thing that we do and do not do. Our Father in heaven fills the earth, he is the air that we breathe, there is nothing that we do that he does not know about. There is nothing that can be hidden from him. And when we... in our foolish human fleshly minds think that we can get away with even the most trivial of things... we need to understand who our Father in heaven is. Once again God is not a man, God is a spirit, and because God is a spirit, he can be in all places at all times, and he knows and understands our most intimate thoughts, and he sees our most hidden acts as though they were done out in broad daylight.

And what's important to understand about the story of Ananias and Sapphira is not that they kept back a portion of the money of the land that they had sold... the land was theirs to sell just

as Peter tells them. They had no reason to lie. They could have simply said we kept some of the money but want to donate the rest. But that's not what they did. The crime that they had committed was that they lied by saying that they were giving all of the money to the apostles when indeed they were not giving all of the money to the apostles, they had kept some for themselves. They had lied to the Ruach Hackodesh, they had lied to God himself, when you lie to a man of Yahovah, you are indeed lying to Yahovah.

Another story that can be learned from... is the story of Uzzah found in second Samuel chapter 6 who put his hand out to catch the ark of the covenant when one of the oxen had stumbled.

David and the house of Israel were celebrating before Yahovah... and when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, one of the oxen that was carrying the ark of the covenant stumbled and immediately without thinking Uzzah reached out with his hand to catch the ark so that it would not fall, and Yahovah struck him down and he died right there beside the ark of the covenant. And again, you can read about that in second Samuel chapter 6.

It was clearly commanded by Yahovah that no one was to touch the ark of the covenant, and although Uzzah probably acted more through reflex than anything else, he had indeed broken the spoken word of Yahovah. And because Uzzah had broken the spoken word of Yahovah, Yahovah struck him down in front of the people of the house of Israel.

Once again, even in our own mistaken error, we must understand that sin is sin. The transgression of the spoken word of Yahovah is the transgression of the spoken word of Yahovah. And when you transgress the spoken word of Yahovah you are indeed committing sin against Yahovah. According to first John chapter 3 verse four, sin is the transgression of the law. That's what sin is according to the Bible. And according to Romans chapter 6 verse 23, the wages of sin is death. And so, when you transgress the spoken word of Yahovah you are committing sin... and the wages of that sin is indeed death according to the penalty of the law handed down by Yahovah.

Once again, what today's modern-day version of Christianity often times forgets is that our Father in heaven is a God of justice. When the law is broken, justice must prevail. God must act because God is a just God. And I want us to think about that while we are studying Leviticus chapter 10 here this evening.

If we were to turn on our television sets today, and we were to turn to any news channel, what would we see? What would we see happening in the streets? What would we see happening within our culture today in our time? We would see "*lawlessness*" abounding in the land today. And lawlessness is not just abounding in any one country or any one nation. Lawlessness is abounding across the face of the earth like a cancer that continues to grow and to thrive and to become worse and worse and worse with each passing day. Why?

I would submit to you that the very reason that lawlessness is abounding across the face of the earth today is because mankind has incrementally, little by little, turned away from the spoken word of Yahovah. Little, by little, by little, mankind has turned away from the spoken word of Yahovah in small increments. It starts with the smallest of things. It starts with the most minute of things. It starts by man thinking that God is his buddy. It starts by thinking that our Messiah is a pushover. It starts by thinking in our own small human minds that we can get away with the smallest of things and that our Father and his only begotten Son are going to wink in the eye of our vanity and are covetousness.

It's important for us to understand where these small infractions lead. And I also want us to understand that each one of our actions as God's people affects our brothers and our sisters. Let me say that again... Each one of our actions as children of Yahovah effects our brothers and our sisters. Why? Because Yahovah sees us as one. Yahovah not only sees us individually, but he also sees us as one. We are one body. We are one with him... or we are against him. Listen closely to the prayer that our Messiah prayed in **John 17:14-26 E6**

Joh 17:14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Joh 17:18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

Joh 17:19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Joh 17:20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

Joh 17:21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Joh 17:22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,

Joh 17:23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Joh 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Joh 17:25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

Joh 17:26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

You see, our Messiah does not desire for us to be taken out of the world! This whole idea of a pre-tribulation rescue is nothing short of a doctrine of demons that gives today's modern-day professing would-be Christians comfort in thinking that there is peace and safety when there is no peace and safety. The world has literally turned against Yahovah and because the world has literally turned against Yahovah, and because Yahovah is an Elohim of justice... the world will indeed be destroyed according to the spoken word of Yahovah, and we as his children will be witnesses to the justice of Yahovah.

But the point I'm trying to make here is that we are all seen as one. Just as our Messiah tells us in John chapter 17 verse 21, he says and I quote, *"that they may all be one just as you father are in me and I in you that they also may be in us"*. In John chapter 14 verse 20 our Messiah says and I quote, *"in that day you will know that I am in my father and you and me and I in you"* and this is exactly why our Father and his only begotten Son sees us as one.

Therefore... when one of us steals or when one of us lies or when one of us breaks a commandment, Yahovah sees us as his people transgressing his spoken word. A great example of this can be found in **Joshua chapter 7 E7**

Jos 7:1 But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for **Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things**. And the anger of the LORD burned against the people of Israel.

Jos 7:2 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and spy out the land." And the men went up and spied out Ai.

Jos 7:3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not have all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few."

Jos 7:4 So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai,

Jos 7:5 and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

Jos 7:6 Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on their heads.

Jos 7:7 And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord GOD, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan!

Jos 7:8 O Lord, what can I say, when Israel has turned their backs before their enemies!

Jos 7:9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?"

Jos 7:10 The LORD said to Joshua, “Get up! Why have you fallen on your face?”

Jos 7:11 Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings.

Jos 7:12 Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you.

Jos 7:13 Get up! Consecrate the people and say, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the LORD, God of Israel, “There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you.”’

Jos 7:14 In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. And the tribe that the LORD takes by lot shall come near by clans. And the clan that the LORD takes shall come near by households. And the household that the LORD takes shall come near man by man.

Jos 7:15 And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel.”

Jos 7:16 So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel near tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was taken.

Jos 7:17 And he brought near the clans of Judah, and the clan of the Zerahites was taken. And he brought near the clan of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

Jos 7:18 And he brought near his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

Jos 7:19 Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the LORD God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me.”

Jos 7:20 And Achan answered Joshua, “Truly I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did:

Jos 7:21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

Jos 7:22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent with the silver underneath.

Jos 7:23 And they took them out of the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the people of Israel. And they laid them down before the LORD.

Jos 7:24 And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver and the cloak and the bar of gold, and his sons and daughters and his oxen and donkeys and sheep and his tent and all that he had. And they brought them up to the Valley of Achor.

Jos 7:25 And Joshua said, “Why did you bring trouble on us? The LORD brings trouble

on you today.” And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones.

Jos 7:26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his burning anger. Therefore, to this day the name of that place is called the Valley of Achor.

What’s important for us to see here is that Achan had caused great trouble for the house of Israel by coveting earthly treasure... and by devoting himself to this earthly treasure, he had rejected his devotion to Yahovah. Notice that Yahovah calls this treasure and I quote, “*the devoted things*”. Why does Yahovah call them “*the devoted things*”? Because Achan had devoted himself to these earthly treasures rather than devoting himself to Yahovah, and because Achan was part of the house of Israel, Yahovah saw this as a great error within the house of Israel, and the house of Israel was punished. And what’s more important to understand is that Achan along with his sons and his daughters and his oxen and his donkeys and his sheep and his tent and all that he had... were stoned to death and then burned up with fire leaving no trace of Achan or his seed upon the face of the earth.

And so, what should be understood here is that our actions do not always only affect ourselves. Our actions can indeed affect the rest of our brothers and sisters within the ministry and within our communities, and within the body. This is exactly why the apostle Paul continuously tells us to remove these bad elements from our assemblies. Those who backbite, those who reject the truth, those who cause division, are to be set outside of the assembly so that the assembly is not guilty of these things.

When the assembly... the church... does not set the wicked outside of the assembly the church... the assembly... then becomes guilty of this sin that it is allowing to perpetuate and grow like a cancer within its gates.

Our ministry at Holy Impact Ministries has in the past set several people outside of the ministry for claiming themselves to be false prophets and for lying and for backbiting and for continuously causing division to the great dismay of others within the assembly who do not understand why it is that we must set these kinds of individuals outside of the assembly.

In the book of Matthew chapter 18 we are told that if a brother has a dispute with another brother or someone within the assembly they are to go to that brother and try to work it out. And if they cannot work it out with their brother, then they are to go to the assembly with it. And if he refuses to listen to the assembly... then that person is to be seen as a Gentile and a tax collector. Romans chapter 16 verse 17 tells us to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught, we are to avoid them. Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses, and once that charge has been established by the evidence of two or three witnesses, that person has one of two choices, which are to either repent, and to turn from their wicked ways... or to be seen as a Gentile and a tax collector and to be set outside of the assembly. And we can see from Joshua chapter 7 why it

is that we are to set these kinds of people outside of the assembly.

In first Timothy chapter 1, Hymenaeus and Alexander were set outside of the assembly and handed over to Satan so that they may learn not to blaspheme. In first Corinthians chapter 5 a man was caught having relations with his father's wife and Paul commands the assembly to set this man outside of the assembly and to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. Once again, setting this man outside of the assembly is what causes the assembly itself to be free from sin.

With that being said, this is different from someone who sins and then comes to the assembly asking for forgiveness. And we need to be able to make that distinction because if someone has repented and is asking for forgiveness and we refuse to forgive... we then become part of the problem and not part of the solution. And so, there is a difference between these two different kinds of individuals. One admits that he was wrong and repents... the other continues to cause division and becomes a cancer within the body. And that cancer, like all cancer, needs to be cut out of the body so that it does not spread. We do not want our Father in heaven looking at the body as though it is cancerous and full of sin. Because if we do not cut it out, then all of the body is guilty of sin and because our God is a God of justice, the body will be dealt with corporately by God.

And so, as we close this first part of Leviticus chapter 10, I hope that we can better understand why it was that Yahovah broke out against the sons of Aaron for bringing strange fire to the altar. Bringing strange or unauthorized fire to the altar of Yahovah is clearly a metaphor that we all need to understand. Strange fire is a representation of sin. Strange or unauthorized fire is doing the opposite of what Yahovah has commanded. Strange or unauthorized fire will not be tolerated by our Father in heaven because he is a just God and because he is a just God, and because he loves us, he knows that he must act justly in order to protect the body as a whole.

We must remember that peace is not simply the absence of war, but the presence of justice, and this concept was not created by man, but by Yahovah himself. And it is through the justice of Yahovah that peace will once again come to the world. And although justice can often times be bloody and death can be a result when justice is being carried out... Justice must be carried out in order for the body to live and to thrive without the cancer of sin. Sin and injustice must at all costs be terminated.

My hope and my prayer is that we will all contemplate what we have seen here in Leviticus chapter 10, and Acts chapter 5, and Joshua chapter 7 so that we may be able to understand the bigger picture that is being presented to us through the whole of Scripture. Once again, it is important for us to read the whole book and not just half of it in order to understand how to properly love our Father in heaven and how to properly understand the biblical definition of love that was created by our Father in heaven along with everything else.

And with that being said, I will as I always do, ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone, and the door will be open to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of the soon coming kingdom together.