

WHERE'S THE FIRE?

LEV. 10:1, 2.

Introduction:

- Fire can be good or bad.
- The location of the fire can determine this.
- In the Bible, the location of fire made a difference.
- There are many items in our lives and in our worship in which the location can make a big difference.

Discussion:

- **WHERE'S THE FIRE?-Is it strange?**
 - It lacked two essential qualities.
 - It had not been kindled by God. It was therefore, unauthorized.
 - It had not been mingled with blood-Lev. 9:16-“Acc. To the rule.”
 - It was for burning incense and not the right sacrifice.
 - It was strange according to what their father did-Lev. 9:8.
 - It was strange according to what they were taught-Lev. 9:12.
- **WHERE'S THE FIRE TODAY?—IS IT STRANGE?--Motive**
 - Nadab and Abhiu may have acted more on impulse than on instruction.
 - 1 Cor. 14:33, 40.
 - B. They were impetuous rather than informed.**
 - C. They were instantaneous rather than orderly.**
 - D. They were independent rather than submissive.**
 - E. They were involved together in the deed.**
 - 1. They did it together.**
 - 2. They were content with the common fire, not the divine or sacred fire**

they should have been concerned with.

3. They showed irreverence. After the events of Lev. 9:12-15, they knew how special this event was.

5. Aaron their father consecrated them to ministers as priests. They had the training and the background, but they did it a different way-Numbers 3:1-4.

III. WHERE'S THE FIRE TODAY?--Heart

- The fire is earthly not divine.
- Strange fire when our religion and work for God is the outcome of:
 - Mere emotional fervor.
 - Rom. 10:2.
 - We get on fire for a while, then the fire goes out.
 - Mere intellectual excitement.
 - Matt. 6:2-That they may have be praised by others (ESV).
 - "Fire of oratory"-Acts 18:25.
 - 1 Cor. 2:1-"Lofty or superiority in speech." (ESV).
 - 1 Cor. 2:4-My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom." (NKJV)
 - 1 Cor. 2:5-That your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God." (NASB).
 - Mere feverish activity.
 - Just activity doesn't make Christianity.
 - We think our young people need activities. They also need the Bible-2 Tim. 1:4: 1 Tim. 4:12.
 - We think busyness is Christianity.
 - This fire is strange.
 - To the church
 - To God
 - To others.

- **Mere-self glorying religious effort.**
 - **Matt. 6:1-“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them. (ESV).**
- **Mere spiritual rhapsody.**
 - **Moods and feelings dictate what we are to do.**
 - **Is that the case here? Why did God destroy these two if that is okay?**
- **WHERE’S THE FIRE TO DO IT GOD’S WAY?-Emphasis.**
 - **Here we are using the word “fire” to mean zeal, or enthusiasm.**
 - **So many today want to do it their way.**
 - **Nadab and Abihu knew God’s way-Lev. 10:9,10.**

Conclusion:

- **Where the fire is shows where the motive is**
- **Where the fire is shows where the heart is**
- **Where the fire is shows where the emphasis is.**