



Holiness of God—part 6  
Holy Reaction II  
From Sermon 9.25.22

Read *Leviticus 10:1-3*

Overview of Sunday's sermon: As we move and learn and grow in the knowledge of God's holiness, we also must be keenly aware that we are experiencing it through fallen, sinful eyes. We don't have the mind of God, yet apply our own standards of right/wrong, justice, fairness, and priority. Equally, we want all of God's holy grace when applied to us, while at the same time, wanting His holy wrath on those who sin differently than me. We should be, actually, praising God that He is not like us and He is holy.

1. When we try to make God think, act, plan, and prioritize like us, what inevitably results? Conflict.

1a. In the conflict, who is always wrong? Me. Us. Sinful man See also *Isaiah 55:8-9*

2. When we deviate from the prescribed formula and holy blueprint, what is the result? Anger

2a. In the key Leviticus 10 account, who became angry? Both God and Aaron\*. God became angry with Nadab and Abihu. Aaron became angry with God. ["Aaron kept silent"]

See also *2 Samuel 6:1-9*. God became angry with Uzzah and David with God

3. Even after this dramatic, powerful example of God's holy standard, later, Moses will pay a price for deviating from the holy command and instruction. See and discuss *Numbers 20:7-13*.

4. What does this say about the well-meaning attempt for the modern church to reach the lost/community by tolerating sinful lifestyles, watering down the Gospel, downplaying the cost of being a disciple, the avoidance of preaching God's holy wrath and judgment, and the neglect of church discipline? The ends never justify the means. God does not need our help. He requires our obedience. Thru New Testament writers—mostly Paul—God laid out the standards and requirements for the Church. Leadership, preaching, church discipline, and ordinances (Baptism/Lord's Supper).

5. Discuss: We can easily view God's Holy Patience as apathy. And Holy Wrath as unfair or overreaction.

See also *2 Peter 3:9-10*

[Teaching Point: the doctrine of sovereign unconditional election...it angers many to the point of redefining the doctrine of salvation and villainizing those who hold to the biblical teaching]

6. Share an experience where you've questioned God's timeline, concern, or appropriate response.

6a. In those experiences, is there one where, later, you so glad He didn't answer or respond the way you originally wanted? Various Personal Answers