The Awe of God

New Song Christian Fellowship

Outline- Week 2

I. God's dwelling place on earth after the. Exodus was the tabernacle (see Exodus 29:44-24).

A. Nadab and Abihu, two sons of Aaron, offered "profane fire" (see Leviticus 10:l).

B. Both men perished as a result of their actions (see Leviticus 10:2).

C. We are wise to heed the should-bes and fools to ignore the must-bes.

II. You will never find God in an atmosphere where He is not held in the utmost respect.

A. "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints" (Psalm 89:7 NKJV).

B. "I will dwell in them and walk among them" (2 Corinthians 6:16 NKJV).

C. Ananias and Sapphira offer a parallel encounter to Nadab and Abihu (see Acts 5).

III. Holy fear grows as we increase our comprehension of God's glory and greatness.

A. The inverse is also true: the less we fear God, the more we will dump Him down.

B. Some people believe that God can't see what they are doing (see Ezekiel 9:9).

C. Ananias and Sapphira thought they could hide their deception from God.

IV. Every human being has three images.

A. Our perceived image-the way other people perceive us.

B. Our projected image-the way we present ourselves to others.

C. Our actual image-who we really are.

V. At the end of history, each one of us will be revealed as we are.

A. Our secret thoughts and motives will be made known (see 1 Corinthians 4:5).

B. We will all stand at the judgment seat of Christ (see 2 Corinthians 5:10).

C. Holy fear helps us to keep our motives and intentions in check.

D. The fear of the Lord helps us lean into our actual image rather than our projected image.

Discussion Questions

Take time to discuss what you just watched by answering the following questions.

1. Disrespect is a common occurrence in our culture. When do you remember being disrespected in a way that stands out? How did you respond in that moment?

2. Unfortunately, disrespecting God is also a common occurrence in our culture. Review the story of Nadab and Abihu found in Leviticus 10:1-5. What mistake did they make when it came to showing the proper respect of God? Why were they judged so severely?

3. A similar story is found in the New Testament. Review the story of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 4:36-5:11. In the church today, what are some ways that we value the appearance of righteousness or spirituality more than the truth of those concepts?

4. The more we understand God's glory and greatness, the more we will experience holy fear. What steps can you start to take to expose yourself to God's, glory and greatness?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:10-11. Paul states that our thoughts and motives will be revealed at the judgment seat of Christ. And that who we really are will be laid bare before God and others. Why is this a good thing for believers rather than something shameful or scary?