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 Abihu 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).
  - 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.