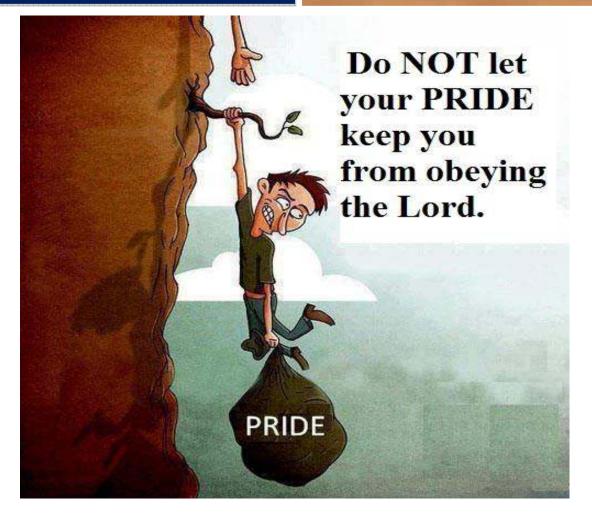
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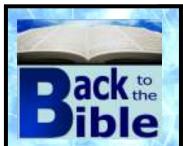
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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am AM Worship:...11:00am PM Worship:...6:00pm 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

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We Extend A
Warm & Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!

An Open Letter to the Congregation of Israel From Your Humble Servants and Priests, Nadab & Abihu

Dear Brethren,

It is with the utmost humility that we inform you of a change of worship practices. Be assured that we bring about this change only after much prayer and study. We have recently concluded an in-depth study of the Law and have decided to bring about a change in the type of fire used in worship. We are aware that there is a standing tradition of using only one source of fire, but we, as priests, do not feel obligated to blindly follow tradition. Numerous polls indicate the overwhelming opinion that worshipers do not care where we get the fire. We are in agreement with the majority, as we cannot see how a change in fire will affect anything in the least about our sacrifices.

Besides all this, nowhere in the Law does the Lord forbid the use of what some detractors have referred to as "strange fire." We feel that the lack of such a restriction was meant to give us freedom. Is there any place in the Law that tells us we cannot do something the Lord has not seen fit to condemn? Where are other fires explicitly condemned?

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Also, Israel is the only religious group that limits itself to one kind of fire. We have become a laughingstock and have been ridiculed openly by many groups. We are in great danger of appearing distinctive. This self-righteous, "only-one-fire" policy has alienated us from everyone else. We believe this change will open up many fellowship opportunities.

Now, to set the minds of some of you at ease, we will continue to offer a traditional service using the old-fashioned fire as well as a progressive service with the new fire. This approach will also make it possible to appeal to a younger audience as we discover more entertaining ways to "light the fire" of our assemblies. For those who still oppose the use of new fire, we ask you not to be judgmental.

We also hope you will not use this change as an excuse to divide our people or stir up trouble. We remind you that this has been well thought out and the majority of priests have signed on with us. We are all very much looking forward to our first new fire service. God will be watching, and we anticipate that His joy over seeing His people take a great step toward throwing off the burden of binding tradition will be an electrifying experience. Our new contemporary worship service will no doubt make it easier for us to really be on fire for the Lord! See you there! We think this new practice is going to spread like wildfire. Please come and enjoy what we know will be an illuminating experience for all of us.

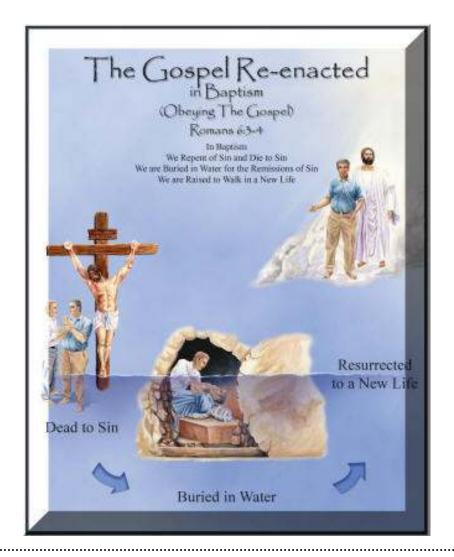
Your faithful priests,

Nadab & Abihu

A few days later...

Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified." So Aaron held his peace.

[**Editor's note**: This "open letter" (with some minor changes) was written by David Brassfield for The Bridgewood Beacon. It captures well "liberal" thinking, and the author is accurate in his assessment.]



"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:21).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 11 6:00 pm Worship and Song Service
- Apr 25 Prayer Service after Evening Worship
- May 2 Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- May 2-6 Spring Gospel Meeting with Dale Barger
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell