

Across:

- 3. It is _____ for those who were once enlightened,... if they fall away to repent.
- 6. Those who fall away _____ again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.
- 8. _____ has become High Priest.
- 9. They were not to become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience _____ the promises.
- 10. And so, after he had _____ endured, he obtained the promise.
- 11. The Hebrew writer was _____ of better things concerning those who read.
- 13. God made a _____ to Abraham,...
- 14. The herbs that are cultivated are _____ from God.
- 15. Our hope is an _____ of the soul.

- 16. God, determining to show more abundantly to the _____ of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, ...

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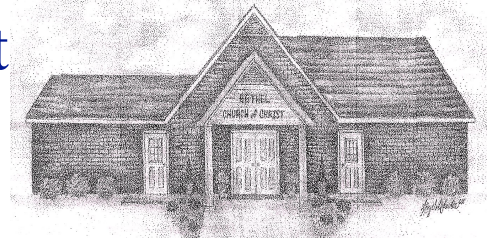
- 1. For God is not unjust to _____ your work and labor of love...
- 2. It is impossible for God to _____.
- 4. The Hebrew writer encourages us to leave the elementary principles of Christ, and go on to _____.
- 5. Thorns and briars are _____ and burned.
- 7. Men indeed swear by the _____, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.
- 12. "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I _____ multiply you."
- 13. This we will do if God _____

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Nadab, Abihu and the Strange Fire

The Old Testament abounds with numerous examples that illustrate New Testament principles, such as in **Leviticus 10:1,2**, in which the lesson is taught that God will not accept just any kind of worship. It reads, "Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. And fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord." What was this "strange fire" they used? According to the text, it was simply a fire which God did not authorize--apparently, fire from another source.



On the Day of Atonement, Aaron was to take a firepan full of coals of fire from upon the altar...and...put the incense on the fire" (**Leviticus 16:12,13**). And, as **Leviticus 6:12,13** shows, the fire

was to be kept burning continually upon the altar. For Aaron to have, therefore, used some other source for fire, would have caused him to violate God's word just as Nadab and Abihu had done.

When the Lord specifies a certain way for something to be performed, He doesn't have to enumerate on all the ways in which it cannot be. For example, when God told Noah to build an ark using gopher wood, this automatically eliminated the use of any other kind. The Lord did not have to say, "And thou shalt not use hickory, cedar, cypress, walnut, maple," and so.

This principle of "specific commands" is seen often in the Bible. Take, for instance, the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine that are to be used in the Lord's Supper. By specifying these two elements--the former to represent Christ's body, and the latter to represent His blood--the use of anything else is automatically excluded.

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY

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SICK LIST

Our Members: Remember these who are sick: **Betty Turner, Paulette's** sister and brother-in-law, **Jacky Turner, Johnny Russell, Chuck Morrison.**

Shut-Ins: Mary Barnes, Dorothy Lee,

Singing June 23 7 P.M.

Our Meeting: June 24-29 with different speakers

In **Leviticus 10:3** the implication is made that Nadab and Abihu did not honor God, nor treat Him as holy, because they chose to change God's plan and serve the Lord their own way. Do we ever see this happening today? Unfortunately, we do--and not just with instrumental music. Yet we do not have any more right to tamper with God's word in our time than those who lived during the age of Nadab and Abihu. We must search the Scriptures to learn of God's authority, and respect that authority by humbling submitting to it through obedience.

May this lesson of Nadab and Abihu help us to not make the same mistake of tampering with God's word--no matter how insignificant it might seem--realizing that if we want to truly honor and worship the Lord, we must do so His way and not our own.

Tom Edwards

The Pride That Blinds

Nebuchadnezzar, a Babylonian king during the time of the prophet Daniel, was made insane for seven years because of his pride, and had remained so until he realized in a humble way that God is the one who is in control. Pride had caused him to glory only in himself and, thus, he did not give God any of the credit for his kingly reign and accomplishments, when all the while it was because of the Lord that he had that exalted position of power.

In **Acts 12:21-23**, we find a NT example of one who also became arrogant and would not attribute his abilities to God. It reads: "And on an appointed day, Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the rostrum and began delivering an address to them. And the people kept crying out, 'The voice of a god and not of a man!' And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him

because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died."

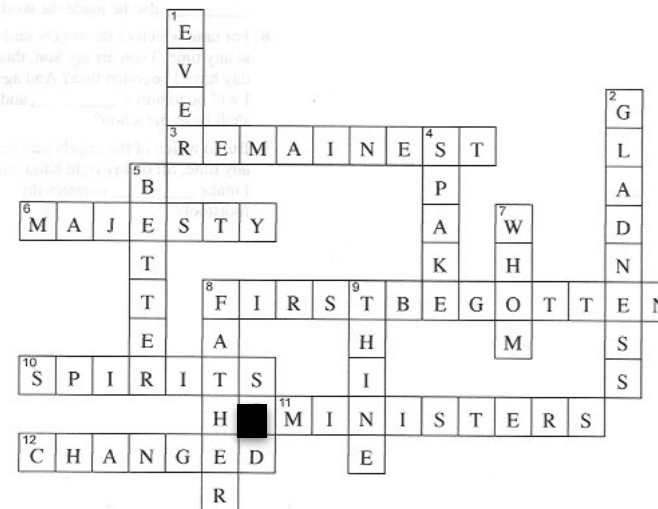
We should thank God for all our good abilities, realizing that He has made it possible for us to have such.

It's pride that tells a man that he doesn't need God. It's pride that keeps one from the humbleness it takes to accept the way of salvation. It's pride that can give a person a false sense of security: a feeling that he has no need for the Savior. Solomon wisely wrote in **Prov. 16:18**, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

May it be our desire to humble ourselves before the Lord and simply take Him at His word--never allowing pride to blind our vision from God's humble way of righteousness.

Tom Edwards

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Times Of Our Services
Sunday: Bible Study 10:00AM
Worship 1100 AM & 5 PM
Wednesday: Bible Study 7:00PM