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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1443 ~ Offering Strange Fire.**

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*Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.*

Some years ago, a family migrated from England to the south of Australia. But shortly after, they decided to go on to Sydney, on the eastern coast. People advised them to travel by the main route, but the father took no notice. He thought he could get there quicker by going across country, inland. Far from any villages, out in desert land, the car ran out of petrol.

They could go no further; they had no water, and the whole family perished.

That father realised, too late, how very foolish he had been; he had thought he could do things his way. His pride brought death to his wife, his children, and himself.

Moses' brother, Aaron, the High Priest of Israel, had four sons. God had blessed them to serve as priests inside the Tabernacle, the place of His presence among His people. Moses had taught these four young men the correct way to serve the Lord, whilst in His Holy Presence, inside the Tabernacle. All four had seen the wonderful ways God had helped the people of Israel to escape from their slavery in Egypt. They each knew how He had given the whole tribe food and water in the desert.

They knew it was a great honour to be priests and at first, they worked well. But soon two of them, Nadab and Abihu, got themselves into serious trouble. This is how they went wrong.

Inside the tabernacle, a sacred fire burned on the altar at all times. It had to stay alight ready for use.

One priestly duty was to burn sweet-smelling incense. Each of them had a censer, a special bowl, swinging on fine chains. Each one put a special mixture of spices in his bowl, and used the sacred fire to set it alight. As they swung their censers, beautiful perfume filled the air.

But Nadab and Abihu chose to misuse their service. The great honour they had of serving the great and holy God meant nothing to them. Doing what **they** wanted was more important than obeying Israel's God.

Perhaps they had had too much wine, and were drunk.

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Nadab and Abihu had seen the wonderful miracles. They had seen how the Almighty God had led His people, how He had cared for their needs, and how He had judged both their own rebellious people and the unbelieving Egyptians. They knew God sees everything and is far above any man-made idol god. He is just, and holy, and good. And yet, Nadab and Abihu chose to disobey God.

God had given the brothers a great honour by choosing them to serve in the Tabernacle. But they did not value it, and their folly brought instant and shocking fiery death to them.

We should all obey God because He is our great Creator. It is His right to say how we should live in the world He made, and to say how we may come to Him.

God gave His laws to the children of Israel, but they often broke them.

And we are just like them. We all want to do things our own way. None of us fully obeys God, so we all deserve His judgment.

But God Himself has made the way for us to be put right with Him. He gave His own beloved Son to take the punishment for our wrongdoing. Because the Lord Jesus Christ willingly gave up His life, God can forgive us.

The Bible book Romans, chapter 5, says this, "..God has shown how much He loves us: it was while we were sinners that Christ died for us! By His death, we are now put right with God."

This is God's wonderful Good News for everyone. But we must understand the terrible cost of our salvation to Him. The shed blood of the sinless, Holy Son of God was the **only** means that could pay our debt. The Lord Jesus gave up His perfect life on the Cross, so that God could forgive all who turn to Him. In the Bible book Mark, chapter 1, Jesus said this, "The right time has come. Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!"

When you obey God and turn from your own way, and put your trust in Jesus, God accepts you as His child. He will help you to live His way. His Holy Spirit helps you hear His voice and live your life in obedience to Him.

The first disciples of Jesus were very different from Nadab and Abihu. They knew and loved Him; after the Lord Jesus Christ had risen again from the grave, they spent the rest of their lives serving Him.

The Bible book Acts, chapter 5, tells about their willing obedience to His commands. Before the Lord Jesus returned to His Father in heaven, He said this to His disciples, "Go to all peoples, everywhere, and make them My disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always."

Peter and John were obeying Jesus; they were preaching the Good News. But the powerful religious leaders were angry. They ordered Peter and John to stop, or they would imprison the disciples, or even kill them. But Peter and the apostles said, "We must obey **God** rather than men and every day in the Temple, and in people's homes, they continued to teach and preach the Good News about Jesus."

Next time **someone**, or **something** tempts you to do wrong, or tempts you to dishonour our Holy God, remember the Lord Jesus loved you and gave Himself for you. Like Peter and John, make sure you obey God, and not man.

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That was Scott Wojahn singing "A Way Out."

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