

# 'Be Thou Faithful unto Death'

<sup>1</sup>That some who consecrate to sacrifice, and thus join the 'royal priesthood', will not reach the future royal service is also shown in these types, as well as expressly declared in the New Testament. One class will be 'saved so as by fire', 'coming up through great tribulation', but missing the prize for which they started out in consecration, because not sufficiently appreciative of their privilege of sacrificing as priests—not sufficiently zealous to 'suffer with him', the High Priest. These we will consider particularly later on, when examining the sacrifices of the Atonement Day.

<sup>2</sup>Another class of those who consecrate as priests, which will not gain the *royal* blessings promised to these priests, will be destroyed in the Second Death. These, clearly brought to our notice by the New Testament (Heb. 6:4-6; 10:28-31; 1 John 5:16), are pictured also in these types or shadows of the Tabernacle service.

<sup>3</sup>Aaron's four sons at first represented the under-priesthood, but two of these were destroyed—corresponding to the two classes above described, both of which fail, as respects the royal priesthood; one of them suffering the Second Death, the other saved from it only 'so as by fire'—tribulation, purgation. And as

<sup>4</sup>Aaron and the two remaining sons were forbidden to make lamentation for their brethren who were thus cut off, this signifies that all the faithful of the priests will recognise the justice of the Divine decisions, and will bow to them in humble submission, saying, 'Just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.' Indeed, it brings a blessing to the faithful, leading them to greater zeal, saying, 'Let us fear lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest any of us should seem to come short of it.'—Lev. 10:1-7; Rev. 15:3; Heb. 4:1.



IMAGE:  
Nadab and Abihu killed by flames,  
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