

Hypocrisy Falls Before a Holy God

Acts 5:1-11

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Theme: God is holy, and He will not tolerate deliberate sin in His church.

Luke records three movements in the early church, which should cause all who hear to fear God:

I. The Sin and Judgment of Ananias (vs. 1-6)

II. The Sin and Judgment of Sapphira (vs. 7-10)

III. The Fear of God in the Church (vs. 11)

Questions for Meditation

1. Why did those who heard about this event in the early church respond with fear?
2. What does it mean for a Christian to fear God?
3. In what ways are you tempted to love the approval of men rather than the approval of God? Cf. John 12:42-43; Mt. 6:1, 2-4, 5-6, and 16-18.
4. What are practical steps we can each take individually to remove hypocrisy from our own lives?
5. Why did Luke include this narrative in the book of Acts?