

# Exodus 23:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.**

This command shapes Israel's covenant community life, applying moral law to social relationships. God's justice concerns everyday matters—truthfulness, fairness, compassion. The accumulation of ordinances creates comprehensive ethic governing Israelite society. These aren't arbitrary rules but revelations of God's character. He is just, merciful, truthful; His people must reflect these attributes. New Testament ethics build on this foundation, radicalizing commands while maintaining their spirit.

## Historical Context

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The Book of the Covenant concludes with liturgical calendar and worship regulations, integrating Israel's civil, moral, and ceremonial life under God's comprehensive rule.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does this law reveal God's character—His justice, mercy, or holiness?
2. What New Testament principles build upon or fulfill this Old Testament regulation?

## Interlinear Text

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לֹא H3808	תִּזְבֹּחַ H2076	עַל H5921	חֶמֶץ H2557	דָּם H1818	זֶבַח H2077
	<b>Thou shalt not offer</b>		<b>with leavened bread</b>	<b>the blood</b>	<b>of my sacrifice</b>
וְלֹא H3808	יֵלֶּיךָ H3885	חֶמֶץ H2459	חֶמֶץ H2282	עַד H5704	בֶּקֶרֶת H1242
	<b>remain</b>	<b>neither shall the fat</b>	<b>of my sacrifice</b>		<b>until the morning</b>

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 34:25** (Blood): Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.

**Leviticus 2:11** (Sacrifice): No meat offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall be made with leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

**Exodus 12:10** (Parallel theme): And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

**Deuteronomy 16:4** (Sacrifice): And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there any thing of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning.

**Exodus 12:8** (Parallel theme): And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

**Leviticus 7:15** (Sacrifice): And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.

**Exodus 12:15** (Parallel theme): Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

**Leviticus 7:12** (Sacrifice): If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.

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