

Leviticus 11:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Clean and Unclean Animals**. Dietary laws distinguishing clean from unclean animals, teaching Israel holiness and separation from pagan practices.

Ritual purity laws taught Israel to distinguish between clean and unclean, holy and common, training them in discernment and reverence for God's presence.

The access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to God.

Historical Context

Dietary laws distinguishing clean from unclean animals, teaching Israel holiness and separation from pagan practices. Chapters 11-15 address ritual purity, teaching Israel to distinguish clean from unclean. These laws served multiple purposes: promoting health, teaching spiritual lessons about sin's defilement, and separating Israel from pagan practices. Archaeological evidence shows Canaanite worship involved practices Israel's laws explicitly prohibited. Israel received these laws while encamped at Sinai, before entering Canaan. The laws prepared them for life in the promised land, distinguishing them from Canaanite practices and establishing their identity as God's holy nation. The portable tabernacle, central to

Levitical worship, accompanied them through wilderness wanderings and eventually found permanent form in Solomon's temple. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
2. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

וְכֹל	אֲנַשֶּׁן	מִנְבָּלָת	מִן	יְכַבֵּד	וְתַדְבֵּר
H3605	And whosoever beareth	ought of the carcase	of them shall wash	his clothes	
H5375		H5038		H3526	H899

וְתַדְבֵּר	אַתְּ	עַד	בְּעַרְבָּה
and be unclean	H5704	until the even	H6153

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 14:8 (Parallel theme): And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean:

and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days.

Leviticus 11:40 (Parallel theme): And he that eateth of the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

Leviticus 15:5 (Parallel theme): And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

Numbers 31:24 (Parallel theme): And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

Leviticus 16:28 (Parallel theme): And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

Numbers 19:10 (Parallel theme): And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.