

Leviticus 11:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on all four, those are unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcase shall be unclean until the even.

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.

What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

כָּל	הֶהָלָה כָּת	עַל	כַּפֵּי יוֹ	כָּל	
And whatsoever	goeth	H5921 upon his paws	And whatsoever		
H3605	H1980	H3709	H3605		
הַחַיָּה	הֶהָלָה כָּת	עַל	אַרְבַּע	טִמְאָ ים	הֵם
among all manner of beasts	goeth	H5921 on all four	those are unclean		H1992
H2416	H1980	H702	H2931		
לְךָ מִ	כָּל	הַנִּגֵּעַ	בְּנִבְלָתָם	יִטְמָ א	
H0	And whatsoever	unto you whoso toucheth	their carcase	shall be unclean	
	H3605	H5060	H5038	H2930	
עַד	הָעֶרֶב:				
H5704	until the even				
	H6153				

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