

Leviticus 13:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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and, behold, if the scall spread not, and there be in it no
yellow hair, and the scall be not in sight deeper than the skin;

Analysis

And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague: and, behold, if the scall spread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scall be not in sight deeper than the skin;

This verse falls within the section on **Diagnosing Skin Diseases**. Detailed procedures for priests to diagnose skin diseases (צִרְעָה, tzaraat), often translated 'leprosy' but covering various conditions.

The Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

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

Detailed procedures for priests to diagnose skin diseases (צִרְעָה, tzaraat), often translated 'leprosy' but covering various conditions. 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. The Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's superior priesthood, prefigured in this verse, assure you of access to God and effective intercession?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיָה	הַשְּׁבִיעִי	בִּי יוֹם	הַנֶּגַע	אֶת	הַכֹּהֵן	וְרָא הֵ
H2009	And in the seventh	day	on the plague	H853	the priest	shall look
	H7637	H3117	H5061		H3548	H7200
שֵׁעַר	בֹּ	הָ	יָהּ	וְלֹא	הֵן תֵּקַן	פָּשַׁח הֵ
H8181	H0	H1961	H3808	and behold if the scall	spread	H3808
				H5424	H6581	
עֲמֹק	אֵין	הֵן תֵּקַן	וְיִמָּאֵה	צֶה ב		
H6013	H369	and behold if the scall	be not in sight	not and there be in it no yellow		
		H5424	H4758	H6669		
					תַּעֲוֹר:	מִן
					than the skin	H4480
					H5785	