

Leviticus 13:48

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whether it be in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of woollen; whether in a skin, or in any thing made of skin;

Analysis

Whether it be in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of woollen; whether in a skin, or in any thing made of skin;

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

The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

Historical Context

Detailed procedures for priests to diagnose skin diseases (צָרָעָת, 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. Ancient sacrificial texts from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת	בְּשִׂתִּי	וְאֵת	בְּעֵבֶב	וְאֵת	לְפִשְׁתִּים	וְאֵת	וְאֵת
H176	Whether it be in the warp	H176	or woof	H176	of linen	H176	or of woollen
	H8359		H6154		H6593		H6785
וְאֵת	עֹור:	מִלְאַכְתָּב	בְּכָל	אֵת	עֹור:	מִלְאַכְתָּב	בְּכָל
of skin	H176	H3605	or in any thing made	of skin	H4399	H5785	