

Leviticus 14:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Cleansing from Skin Diseases**. Elaborate cleansing ritual for healed lepers, involving birds, blood, and multiple offerings, symbolizing restoration.

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

Elaborate cleansing ritual for healed lepers, involving birds, blood, and multiple offerings, symbolizing restoration. 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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

לֹאמֶר: מִשְׁנָה יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים יְהוָה
spake And the LORD H413 unto Moses saying
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