

Leviticus 14:36

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 Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. Ritual purity laws taught Israel to distinguish between clean and unclean, holy and common, training them in discernment and reverence for God's presence.

Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

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. 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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 develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
3. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?

Interlinear Text

וְצִוָּה
shall command H6680
הַכֹּהֵן |
Then the priest H3548
וּפָנּוּ
that they empty H6437
אֶת
H853
הַבַּיִת:
that all that is in the house H1004

וְלֹא אֶת
H3808
הַנֶּגַע
the plague H5061
אֶת
H853
לִרְאֹת
in to see H7200
הַכֹּהֵן |
Then the priest H3548
יֵבֶ אֶת
go H935
בְּטָרָם
H2962

כִּי |
H3651
וְאַחֲרָיו
and afterward H310
הַבַּיִת:
that all that is in the house H1004
אֲשֶׁר רַכָּל
H834
כָּל
H3605
יִטְמָ אֶת
be not made unclean H2930

הַבַּיִת:
that all that is in the house H1004
אֶת
H853
לִרְאֹת
in to see H7200
הַכֹּהֵן |
Then the priest H3548
יֵבֶ אֶת
go H935