

# Leviticus 14:51

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times:

## 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.

Leviticus 17:11 declares 'the life of the flesh is in the blood,' establishing blood's sacred role in atonement, pointing to Christ's blood shed for redemption.

Hebrews 9-10 explains how Christ's once-for-all sacrifice supersedes the repeated Levitical offerings, providing permanent cleansing from sin.

## Historical Context

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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. 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

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?

## Interlinear Text

וְلֹקֶת	אַתָּה	עֵץ	בַּאֲרוֹן	וְאַתָּה	בְּאַזְבֵּן	וְאַתָּה	בְּאַזְבֵּן
<b>And he shall take</b>	H853	<b>wood</b>	<b>the cedar</b>	H853	<b>and the hyssop</b>	H853	
H3947		H6086	H730		H231		
וְשָׁנָה	וְאַתָּה	בְּתוּלָה	בְּאַפְתָּר	בְּכִימִים	וְאַתָּה	בְּכִימִים	וְאַתָּה
<b>and the scarlet</b>	H8438	H853	<b>bird</b>	<b>and in the running</b>	H2416	<b>and dip</b>	H2881
H8144			H6833		H2416		
בְּדִם	בְּכִימִים	בְּכִימִים	בְּשָׁחוֹטָה	בְּכִימִים	וְבְמִים	וְבְמִים	וְאַתָּה
H853	<b>them in the blood</b>	H1818	<b>bird</b>	<b>of the slain</b>	H7819	<b>water</b>	<b>and in the running</b>
			H6833		H4325		H2416
וְהַזְבֵּן	שְׁבַע	בְּבַבְתִּית	וְהַזְבֵּן	פְּעֻמִּים:			
<b>and sprinkle</b>	H413	<b>the house</b>	<b>seven</b>	<b>times</b>			
H5137		H1004	H7651	H6471			

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