

Leviticus 14:6

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.

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.

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

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 tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?

Interlinear Text

עַזְבֵּן אֶת הַצֹּבֵר בְּמִים: הַצֹּבֵר אֶת אֶת
H853 **bird** As for the living he shall take H853 H853 **wood**
H6833 H2416 H3947 H6086

בְּאֵז בְּאֵת שְׁנִי עַת הַתּוֹל עַת וְאֵת
it and the cedar and the scarlet H8438 H853 and the hyssop
H730 H2414 H231

בְּדִם בְּמִים: הַצֹּבֵר אֶת אֶת מִלְבָב לְ
and shall dip H853 H853 **bird** As for the living in the blood
H2881 H6833 H2416 H1818

בְּמִים: הַמְּלֵךְ הַשְׁחַטֵּה הַצֹּבֵר
bird that was killed H5921 water As for the living
H6833 H7819 H4325 H2416

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