

Leviticus 15:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest:

Analysis

And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest:

This verse falls within the section on **Bodily Discharges**. Laws concerning various bodily discharges, emphasizing that approaching God's holy presence requires ritual purity.

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.

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

Laws concerning various bodily discharges, emphasizing that approaching God's holy presence requires ritual purity. 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 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's superior priesthood, prefigured in this verse, assure you of access to God and effective intercession?
2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

וּבַיּוֹם	הַשְּׁמִינִי	יִקַּח	לוֹ	שְׁנֵי	תְּרֵי	אֶוֹ	שְׁנֵי
day	And on the eighth	he shall take	H0	or two	turtledoves	H176	or two
H3117	H8066	H3947		H8147	H8449		H8147
בְּנֵי	יוֹנָה	וּבָאֵן	לִפְנֵי	יְהוָה	אֶל	פֶּתַח	
young	pigeons	and come	before	the LORD	H413	unto the door	
H1121	H3123	H935	H6440	H3068		H6607	
אֶת־הַ	מִוֶּעַד	וְנָתַתָּם	אֶל	הַכֹּהֵן:			
of the tabernacle	of the congregation	and give	H413	them unto the priest			
H168	H4150	H5414		H3548			

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 12:8 (Parallel theme): And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.