

Leviticus 15:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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

Ritual purity laws taught Israel to distinguish between clean and unclean, holy and common, training them in discernment and reverence for God's presence. 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 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

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. Ancient texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

וְאַשְׁהָ	תְּהִנֵּה	בְּהָרָבָה	זָבֵחַ	יְהִי הָרָבָה	זָבֵחַ
And if a woman	H3588	H1961	and her issue	be blood	H1961
H802			H2101	H1818	H2100
in her flesh	seven	days	תְּהִנֵּה הַיּוֹם	בְּנִזְתַּת הַבָּשָׂר	זָכֵל
H1320	H7651	H3117	H1961	she shall be put apart	H3605
				H5079	
and whosoever toucheth	הַנְגַּע	בְּהָרָבָה	עַד	הַצְּרָבָה	
H5060	H0	her shall be unclean	H5704	until the even	H6153
		H2930			

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 12:2 (Parallel theme): Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

Mark 5:25 (Blood): And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

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