

Leviticus 15:23

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.

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 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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
3. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?

Interlinear Text

וְאִם	עַל	הַמִּשְׁכָּב	וְאִם	הָאֵל	הַכֹּל	אֲשֶׁר
H518	H5921	And if it be on her bed	H1931	H176	H5921	H834
		H4904			or on any thing	H3627
וְאִם	יֹשֶׁבֶת	עַל	בְּנִגְעוֹ	בְּ	טִמֵּא	
H1931	whereon she sitteth	H5921	when he toucheth	H0	it he shall be unclean	
	H3427		H5060		H2930	
עַד	הָעֶרֶב:					
H5704	until the even					
	H6153					

