

# Leviticus 15:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And if it be on her bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even.**

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

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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

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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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

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אָשָׁר פֶּלֶם עַל אָז בְּמִשְׁבֵּךְ וְאַז עַל אָז הַז אָז פֶּלֶם עַל אָז הַז אָז אָשָׁר

H518 H5921 **And if it be on her bed** H1931 H176 H5921 **or on any thing** H834

H4904 H3627

וְאַז עַל יְשִׁבָּת הַז וְאַז בְּתַגְעֵז בְּזִקְנֵת וְאַז עַל יְשִׁבָּת הַז וְאַז

H1931 **whereon she sitteth** H5921 **when he toucheth** H0 **it he shall be unclean** H2930

H3427 H5060

עַד בְּשַׁעַר:

H5704 **until the even**

H6153

