

Leviticus 15:25

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 holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

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 sacrificial texts from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

וְאִשָּׁה	כִּי	תִּזְוֶה	זֶה	דָּמָהּ	כִּימֵי	רַב־יָמִים
And if a woman	H3588	have	an issue	of her blood	all the days	many
H802		H2100	H2101	H1818	H3117	H7227
בְּלֹא	עַתָּה	נִדְתָּהּ	אִי	כִּי	תִּזְוֶה	עַל
out	of the time	of her separation	H176	H3588	have	beyond the time
H3808	H6256	H5079			H2100	H5921
נִדְתָּהּ	כָּל	כִּימֵי	זֶה	טִמְאָתָהּ	כִּימֵי	
of her separation	H3605	all the days	an issue	of her uncleanness	all the days	
H5079		H3117	H2101	H2932	H3117	
נִדְתָּהּ	תְּהִי	טִמְאָה	הִוא:			
of her separation	H1961	she shall be unclean	H1931			
H5079		H2931				

Additional Cross-References

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

Matthew 9:20 (Blood): And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

Luke 8:43 (Blood): And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,