

Leviticus 15:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it is his uncleanness.

Analysis

And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it is his uncleanness.

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 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. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

תְּהִלִּה הִזְבֵּחַ אֶת בְּשֶׂרֶב מִזְבֵּחַ וְ

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And this shall be his uncleanness

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מִזְבֵּחַ וְ רֹרֶם

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run

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בְּשֶׂרֶב מִזְבֵּחַ וְ אֶת בְּשֶׂרֶב מִזְבֵּחַ וְ אֶת בְּשֶׂרֶב מִזְבֵּחַ וְ

or his flesh

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from his issue

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be stopped

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בְּשֶׂרֶב מִזְבֵּחַ וְ אֶת בְּשֶׂרֶב מִזְבֵּחַ וְ

from his issue

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בְּשֶׂרֶב מִזְבֵּחַ וְ

And this shall be his uncleanness

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