

Leviticus 16:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Day of Atonement**. The most sacred day in Israel's calendar, when the high priest entered the Holy of Holies to make atonement for all Israel's sins.

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.

Hebrews 9-10 explains how Christ's once-for-all sacrifice supersedes the repeated Levitical offerings, providing permanent cleansing from sin.

Historical Context

The most sacred day in Israel's calendar, when the high priest entered the Holy of Holies to make atonement for all Israel's sins. The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) described in chapter 16 became Israel's most sacred day. Only on this annual day could the high priest enter the Holy of Holies, making atonement for the entire nation. This ceremony, still observed in Judaism, found ultimate fulfillment in

Christ's entrance into heaven itself (Hebrews 9:11-12). 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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
2. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

וְלָקַח	הַדָּם	הַפָּר	יָהּ	בְּאֶצְבָּעוֹ:	עַל
And he shall take	of the blood	of the bullock	and sprinkle	it with his finger	H5921
H3947	H1818	H6499	H5137	H676	
וְלִפְנֵי י	הַכֶּפֶז־רֶת	קִדְמָה	וְלִפְנֵי י	הַכֶּפֶז־רֶת	יָהּ
and before	the mercy seat	eastward	and before	the mercy seat	and sprinkle
H6440	H3727	H6924	H6440	H3727	H5137
שִׁבְעַ	פְּעָמִים	מִן	הַדָּם	בְּאֶצְבָּעוֹ:	
seven	times	H4480	of the blood	it with his finger	
H7651	H6471		H1818	H676	

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 9:25 (Blood): Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

Hebrews 9:13 (Blood): For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

Hebrews 9:7 (Blood): But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

Hebrews 10:4 (Blood): For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Leviticus 8:11 (Parallel theme): And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

Leviticus 4:17 (Blood): And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, even before the vail.