

Leviticus 17:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Sanctity of Blood**. Regulations prohibiting consumption of blood and requiring proper slaughter, emphasizing blood's sacred role in atonement.

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

Regulations prohibiting consumption of blood and requiring proper slaughter, emphasizing blood's sacred role in atonement. Chapters 17-27, often called the 'Holiness Code,' expand covenant obligations beyond ritual to encompass all of life—sexuality, economics, justice, and relationships. The repeated refrain 'I am the

LORD' grounds these laws in God's character and covenant relationship with Israel. 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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
2. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

וּמִן	יִשְׂרָאֵל	מִבֵּית	אִישׁ	אִישׁ
	of Israel	there be of the house	And whatsoever man	And whatsoever man
H4480	H3478	H1004	H376	H376
כָּל	הָאֹכֵל	אִשׁ	בְּתוֹךְ	הַגֵּר
	that eateth	H834	among	or of the strangers
H3605	H398		H8432	H1616
אֶת	הָאֹכֵל	בֶּן	פָּנַי	הַדָּם
	that eateth	against that soul	my face	any manner of blood
H853	H398	H5315	H6440	H1818
עַמּוֹ:	מִקֵּץ	אֶת	וְהִכָּתְתִי	הַדָּם
	his people	from among	and will cut him off	any manner of blood
	H5971	H7130	H3772	H1818

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 17:11 (Blood): For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Deuteronomy 12:16 (Blood): Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

Deuteronomy 12:23 (Blood): Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

Leviticus 3:17 (Blood): It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

Jeremiah 44:11 (References Israel): Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

Genesis 9:4 (Blood): But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

Leviticus 26:17 (Parallel theme): And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

1 Samuel 14:33 (Blood): Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day.

Psalms 34:16 (Parallel theme): The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

Deuteronomy 15:23 (Blood): Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

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