

Leviticus 17:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

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.

Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

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 texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

Interlinear Text

וּמִן יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	מִבְּנֵי י	אִישׁ	אִישׁ	אִישׁ
of Israel	there be of the children	And whatsoever man	And whatsoever man	And whatsoever man
H4480	H1121	H376	H376	H376
וְאַתָּה יֵצֵא וְרָאָה	אִישׁ ר	בְּתוֹךְ מ	הַגֵּר	הַגֵּר
you which hunteth		among	that sojourn	or of the strangers
H6679	H834	H8432	H1481	H1616
וְאֵלֶּיךָ ל	אִישׁ ר	ע וְאֵלֶּיךָ	אִישׁ	אִישׁ
that may be eaten		or fowl	any beast	and catcheth
H398	H834	H5775	H2416	H6718
וְעָפָר:	וְכֶסֶת הוּא	דָּמ ו	אֶת	וְשָׁפַךְ
it with dust	thereof and cover	out the blood		he shall even pour
H6083	H3680	H1818	H853	H8210

Additional Cross-References

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

Deuteronomy 12:24 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water.

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

Ezekiel 24:7 (Blood): For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust;

Leviticus 7:26 (Blood): Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.