

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

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.

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

וְמִן	יִשְׁרָאֵל	לְ	מִבְנֵי	יִשְׁעָר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	וְאִישׁ	וְאִישׁ	וְאִישׁ
And whatsoever man	And whatsoever man	there be of the children	of Israel						
H376	H376	H1121	H4480						
בְּגַם	בְּגַם	בְּגַם	בְּגַם	בְּגַם	בְּגַם	בְּגַם	בְּגַם	בְּגַם	בְּגַם
or of the strangers	that sojourn	among	you which hunteth						
H1616	H1481	H8432	H6679						
וְאֶחָד	וְאֶחָד	וְאֶחָד	וְאֶחָד	וְאֶחָד	וְאֶחָד	וְאֶחָד	וְאֶחָד	וְאֶחָד	וְאֶחָד
and catcheth	any beast	H176	or fowl	H834	that may be eaten				
H6718	H2416		H5775		H398				
בְּעָפָר:	וְאֶת	וְאֶת	וְאֶת	וְאֶת	וְאֶת	וְאֶת	וְאֶת	וְאֶת	וְאֶת
he shall even pour	H853	out the blood	thereof and cover	H3680	it with dust				
H8210		H1818		H6083					

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.