

# Leviticus 17:14

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 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

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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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

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כִּי	נִפְשָׁ	כֹּל	בָּשָׂר	דָם	נִפְשָׁ	הוּא
H3588	<b>For it is the life</b>	H3605	<b>of all flesh</b>	H1818	<b>is the blood</b>	<b>For it is the life</b>
	H5315		H1320		H5315	H1931
תְּאַמֵּר	לְבָנִים	כֹּל	דָם	יִשְׁבָּא לְ	בָּשָׂר	
<b>thereof therefore I said</b>	<b>unto the children</b>	<b>of Israel</b>	<b>is the blood</b>	H3605	<b>of all flesh</b>	
H559	H1121	H3478	H1818	H1320		
אֶת	אֶת	כֹּל	בָּשָׂר	דָם	וְאֵת	
H3808	<b>Ye shall eat</b>	H3588	<b>For it is the life</b>	H3605	<b>of all flesh</b>	
	H398		H5315		H1320	H1931
כָּל	אֶת	כֹּל	בָּשָׂר	דָם	וְאֵת	
H3605	<b>Ye shall eat</b>		<b>it shall be cut off</b>	H3772		
	H398					

## Additional Cross-References

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

**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.