

Leviticus 17:2

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.

The Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

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. The Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's superior priesthood, prefigured in this verse, assure you of access to God and effective intercession?
2. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

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| דַּבֵּר | אֶל | אַהֲרֹן | וְאֶל | בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל | וְאֶל | כָּל |
| Speak | H413 | unto Aaron | H413 | and unto all the children | H413 | H3605 |
| H1696 | | H175 | | H1121 | | |
| | בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל | וְאֶל | יִשְׂרָאֵל | וְאֶל | יִשְׂרָאֵל | יִשְׂרָאֵל |
| and unto all the children | H1121 | of Israel | H3478 | and say | H413 | H2088 |
| | | | | H559 | | |
| הַדָּבָר | אֲשֶׁר | צִוָּה | יְהוָה | לֵאמֹר: | | |
| unto them This is the thing | H834 | hath commanded | which the LORD | and say | | |
| H1697 | | H6680 | H3068 | H559 | | |

