

Leviticus 18:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Unlawful Sexual Relations**. Prohibitions against various sexual sins, distinguishing Israel from Canaanite practices and protecting family sanctity.

The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

Historical Context

Prohibitions against various sexual sins, distinguishing Israel from Canaanite practices and protecting family sanctity. 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 tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׁמַרְתָּם	אֶת־אֵת־ם	חֻקֹּתַי	וְאֶת־	מִשְׁפָּטַי	
Ye shall therefore keep	H859	H853	my statutes	H853	and my judgments
H8104			H2708		H4941
וְלֹא־	תַּעֲשֶׂהוּ	מִכֹּל־	הַתּוֹעֵבֹת	הֵאֱלֹהִים	
H3808	and shall not commit	H3605	any of these abominations	H428	
	H6213		H8441		
הָאָזְכְּרָה	וְהַגֵּר	הַגֵּר	בְּתוֹכְכֶם:		
neither any of your own nation	nor any stranger	that sojourneth	among		
H249	H1616	H1481	H8432		

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 18:5 (Judgment): Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.
