

Leviticus 19:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Various Laws of Holiness**. Wide-ranging ethical and ceremonial laws, including the command to 'love your neighbor as yourself' (19:18).

Hebrews 9-10 explains how Christ's once-for-all sacrifice supersedes the repeated Levitical offerings, providing permanent cleansing from sin.

Historical Context

Wide-ranging ethical and ceremonial laws, including the command to 'love your neighbor as yourself' (19:18). 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
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

כָּל	וְנִטְעָתָם	בְּאֶצְבָּעַד	אֶל	אֶל	תְּבִא	כִּי
H3605	and shall have planted	and shall have planted	H413	into the land	into the land	H3588
H5193			H776			H935
פְּרִי	וְ	עֲרֵלָת	וְ	מִעְלָת	מִעְלָת	עַז
the fruit		the fruit		for food	for food	all manner of trees
H6529		H853		H3978		H6086
ל	אֶל	עֲרֵלִים	שְׁנִים	לְכָם	יְהִי הָ	שְׁנִים
H3808	shall it be as uncircumcised	H6189	H6188	H1961	years	three
H7969	H8141					
בְּאֶכְלָה						
unto you it shall not be eaten						
H398						

Additional Cross-References

Acts 7:51 (Parallel theme): Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

Leviticus 22:27 (Parallel theme): When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

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