

# 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

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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**

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

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

## **Study Questions**

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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

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וְכִי H3588	תֵּבּ אֹו H935	אֶל H413	הָאָרֶץ H776	וְנִטְעַתֶּם H5193	כָּל H3605
And when ye shall come into the land and shall have planted					
עֵץ H6086	מִאֲכָל H3978	וְעִרְלֹתָם H6188	אֶת H6190	פְּרִי הָאֵץ H853	הַפֵּר H6529
all manner of trees for food then ye shall count the fruit					
שָׁלֹשׁ H7969	שָׁנִים H8141	יְהִי H1961	לָכֵן H0	עִרְלֵי יָדָם H6189	לֹא H3808
three years shall it be as uncircumcised					
וְלֹא תֹאכְלֶנָּה H398					
unto you it shall not be eaten					

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.