

Leviticus 19:5

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).

The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive sacrifice. What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
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

וְכִי יִתְּבַחְתֶּם	וְכִי יִתְּבַחְתֶּם	וְכִי יִתְּבַחְתֶּם	וְכִי יִתְּבַחְתֶּם	וְכִי יִתְּבַחְתֶּם
H3588	And if ye offer	a sacrifice	of peace offerings	unto the LORD
	H2076	H2077	H8002	H3068
לְרָצוֹנְךָ	וְכִי יִתְּבַחְתֶּם			
it at your own will	And if ye offer			
H7522	H2076			

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 22:29 (Sacrifice): And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will.

Leviticus 7:16 (Sacrifice): But if the sacrifice of his offering be a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:

Leviticus 1:3 (Sacrifice): If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

Leviticus 22:19 (Parallel theme): Ye shall offer at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats.

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