

Leviticus 19:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD:
and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

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 holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵכָליוּ	עֲוֹנוֹ וְ	יִשָּׂא	כִּי	אֶת
Therefore every one that eateth	his iniquity	it shall bear	H3588	H853
H398	H5771	H5375		
קֹדֶשׁ	יְהוָה	חָלַל	וְנִכְרְתָה	
the hallowed thing	of the LORD	because he hath profaned	shall be cut off	
H6944	H3068	H2490	H3772	
הַנֶּפֶשׁ	הַזֶּה וּ	מִתּוֹכָם:		
and that soul	H1931	from among his people		
H5315		H5971		

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 22:15 (References Lord): And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto the LORD;
