

Leviticus 20:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Penalties for Disobedience**. Punishments for violations of sexual and religious laws, emphasizing the seriousness of sin in God's holy community.

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

Punishments for violations of sexual and religious laws, emphasizing the seriousness of sin in God's holy community. 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. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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 can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׁמַרְתָּם	אֶת	כָּל	חֻקֹּתַי	וְאֶת	כָּל
Ye shall therefore keep	H853	H3605	all my statutes	H853	H3605
H8104			H2708		
וְכָל חֻקֵּי דִּינִי	וְעָשִׂיתָם	אֶת	וְלֹא	תֵּקַח יָדְךָ	מִן־יָדְךָ
and all my judgments	and do	H853	H3808	therein spue you not out	
H4941	H6213			H6958	
אֶתְכֶם	הָאֵרֶץ	אֲנִי	מִיָּדְךָ	אֶתְכֶם	שָׁמָּה
H853	them that the land	H834	H589	whither I bring	H853
	H776			H935	H8033
לָשׁוּבָה:	לָשׁוּבָה:				
you to dwell	H0				
H3427					

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 36:27 (Judgment): And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Psalms 119:160 (Judgment): Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Psalms 119:20 (Judgment): My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

Psalms 119:145 (Parallel theme): I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.

Psalms 105:45 (Parallel theme): That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalms 119:80 (Parallel theme): Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

