

Leviticus 20:24

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 access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to 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. The tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

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

Interlinear Text

וְאָמַרְתִּי	לְכֶם	אֲנִי	לְךָ שֵׁת	אֶת	אֶדְמָתָם	וְאָנִי
But I have said	H0	H859	it unto you to possess	H853	their land	H589
H559			H3423		H127	
אֶתְּנֶנָּה	לְכֶם	לְךָ שֵׁת	אֶתְּ הָ	אֶרֶץ	זָבַת	
and I will give	H0	it unto you to possess	H853	it a land	that floweth	
H5414		H3423		H776	H2100	
בַּחֵלֶב	וּדְבַשׁ	אֲנִי	יְהוָה הָ	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	אֲשֶׁר	
with milk	and honey	H589	I am the LORD	your God	H834	
H2461	H1706		H3068	H430		
הַיְּבֵרִי לְתִי	אֶתְּכָם	מִן	הָעַמִּים:			
which have separated	H853	H4480	you from other people			
H914			H5971			

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 14:2 (References God): For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

Exodus 6:8 (References Lord): And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD.

Exodus 3:17 (Parallel theme): And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

Exodus 3:8 (Parallel theme): And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Deuteronomy 7:6 (References God): For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Exodus 33:16 (Parallel theme): For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

Leviticus 20:26 (References Lord): And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.

1 Kings 8:53 (References God): For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

1 Peter 2:9 (Parallel theme): But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: