

Leviticus 20:4

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.

Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
2. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

Interlinear Text

וְאִם	יַעֲלִימוּ	יַעֲלִימוּ	עַם	הָאָרֶץ	אֶת	עֵינֵיהֶם
H518	do any ways	do any ways	And if the people	of the land	H853	their eyes
	H5956	H5956	H5971	H776		H5869
מִן	הָאִישׁ	הֵהוּא	בְּתַתּוֹ	מִזֶּרְעוֹ	לַמּוֹלֵךְ	לְבָלְתָּ יָ
H4480	from the man	H1931	when he giveth	of his seed	unto Molech	him not
	H376		H5414	H2233	H4432	H1115
וְהָרָגוּ	אֹתוֹ:					
and kill	H853					
H4191						

Additional Cross-References

Acts 17:30 (Parallel theme): And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

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