

Leviticus 20:5

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. 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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

בָּה וְאַתָּה אָנִי וְשִׁמְתָּ	H589	H853	פָּנִים בְּאַשְׁר בְּאַת	H6440	H376	פָּנִים בְּאַשְׁר בְּאַת	H1931
Then I will set	H7760		my face		against that man		
and against his family	H4940		and will cut him off	H3772			
and all that go a whoring	H2181		after	H310		and all that go a whoring	H2181
from among	H7130					after	H310
their people	H5971					with Molech	H4432
לְזִנָּה וְתַ			אַתָּה			לְזִנָּה וְתַ	
עַמּוֹם מִקְרָב						אַתָּה	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 106:39 (Parallel theme): Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

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