

# Leviticus 21:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

## Analysis

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**Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.**

This verse falls within the section on **Priestly Holiness**. Higher standards for priests due to their sacred role, including restrictions on mourning practices and marriage.

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

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Higher standards for priests due to their sacred role, including restrictions on mourning practices and marriage. 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. Ancient sacrificial texts from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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

## Interlinear Text

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וּמִן	מִקֹּדֶשׁ	לֹא	יֵצֵא	וְלֹא	יִחַלֵּל	אֶת
H4480	of the sanctuary	H3808	Neither shall he go out	H3808	nor profane	H853
	H4720		H3318		H2490	
מִקֹּדֶשׁ	אֱלֹהֵי	כִּי	נִזְרָה	שֶׁמֶן	מִשְׁחַת	
of the sanctuary	of his God	H3588	for the crown	oil	of the anointing	
H4720	H430		H5145	H8081	H4888	
אֱלֹהֵי	עָלָיו	אֲנִי	יְהוָה:			
of his God	H5921	H589	is upon him I am the LORD			
H430			H3068			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 10:7** (Temple): And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

**Exodus 28:36** (References Lord): And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

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