

# Leviticus 22:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Acceptable Sacrifices**. Requirements for acceptable sacrifices and those who may eat sacred offerings, maintaining sacrifice quality.

The Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive sacrifice.

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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Requirements for acceptable sacrifices and those who may eat sacred offerings, maintaining sacrifice quality. 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 texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's superior priesthood, prefigured in this verse, assure you of access to God and effective intercession?
2. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶל אַהֲרֹן וְאֶל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
**Speak** H413 **unto Aaron** H413 **and to his sons** H413 **and to his sons** H3605 H1121  
H1696 H175 H1121

אִישׁ אֲלֵהֶם וְאָמַרְתָּ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל  
**in Israel** H3478 **and say** H559 **unto them** H413 **Whatever he be** H376

הֵגֶר וּמִן בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל מִבֵּית וְאִישׁ  
**unto them** H376 **Whatever he be** H376 **of the house** H1004 **in Israel** H3478 H4480 **or of the strangers** H1616

וְלִכְל נְדָרֵיהֶם לְכָל קֹרְבָנוֹ יִקְרִיבוּ אֶשׁ רַבְיִשְׂרָאֵל  
**in Israel** H3478 H834 **that will offer** H7126 **his oblation** H7133 H3605 **for all his vows** H5088 H3605

לַיהוָה יִקְרִיבוּ אֲשֶׁר נְדָבוֹתָם  
**and for all his freewill offerings** H5071 H834 **that will offer** H7126 **unto the LORD** H3068

לְעֹלָה:  
**for a burnt offering** H5930

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 12:6** (Sacrifice): And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:

**Leviticus 1:2** (Sacrifice): Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock.

**Numbers 15:3** (Sacrifice): And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a freewill offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savour unto the LORD, of the herd, or of the flock:

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