

# Leviticus 22:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.**

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

The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

## 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.

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

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשָׁמְרֶתֶם	מִצְוֹתַי	וַעֲשִׂיתֶם	אֹתָם	אֲנִי
Therefore shall ye keep	my commandments	and do	H853	H589
H8104	H4687	H6213		
יְהוָה:				
them I am the LORD				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 4:40** (Word): Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

**Leviticus 19:37** (References Lord): Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the LORD.

**Numbers 15:40** (Word): That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

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