

Leviticus 22:32

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 central theme of Leviticus is God's holiness and the call for His people to be holy. The Hebrew word *qadosh* (קֹדֶשׁ) means 'set apart' or 'sacred,' emphasizing both separation from sin and consecration to God's purposes.

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

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. The Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God's holiness, as revealed in this verse, shape your understanding of worship, obedience, and daily living?
2. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

וְלֹא	תִּחְלְלוּ	אֶת	שֵׁם	יְהוָה	יְהוָה יִקְדָּשׁ:
H3808	Neither shall ye profane	H853	name	my holy	but I will be hallowed
	H2490		H8034	H6944	H6942
בְּתוֹכָם	בְּנֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֲנִי	יְהוָה	יְהוָה יִקְדָּשׁ:
among	the children	of Israel	H589	I am the LORD	but I will be hallowed
H8432	H1121	H3478		H3068	H6942

Additional Cross-References

Luke 11:2 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Leviticus 18:21 (References Lord): And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

Matthew 6:9 (Parallel theme): After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Leviticus 22:2 (Holy): Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they profane not my holy name in those things which they hallow unto me: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 10:3 (Holy): Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

Isaiah 5:16 (Holy): But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

1 Corinthians 1:2 (Holy): Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:

John 17:17 (Parallel theme): Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Leviticus 20:8 (References Lord): And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you.

Leviticus 21:15 (References Lord): Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the LORD do sanctify him.