

Leviticus 23:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Appointed Feasts**. God's sacred calendar including Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, marking redemption and agricultural blessings.

The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive sacrifice. Hebrews 9-10 explains how Christ's once-for-all sacrifice supersedes the repeated Levitical offerings, providing permanent cleansing from sin.

Historical Context

God's sacred calendar including Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, marking redemption and agricultural blessings. 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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

Interlinear Text

וְעֹשִׂיתָם	בַּיּוֹם	הַנִּיפֹךְ	אֶת	הָעֶמְרָא	כְּבֶשֶׂת
And ye shall offer	that day	when ye wave	H853	the sheaf	an he lamb
H6213	H3117	H5130		H6016	H3532
תָּמִיִּם	בֶּן	שָׁנָה	לְעֹלָה	לַיהוָה	
without blemish	of the first	year	for a burnt offering	unto the LORD	
H8549	H1121	H8141	H5930	H3068	

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 1:10 (Sacrifice): And if his offering be of the flocks, namely, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt sacrifice; he shall bring it a male without blemish.

1 Peter 1:19 (Parallel theme): But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

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