

Leviticus 23:14

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. 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

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
2. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

וְלֶחֶם	וְקֹלֵי י	וְכֶרֶם ל	ל א	וְתֹאכְלוּ	ע ד
neither bread	nor parched corn	nor green ears	H3808	And ye shall eat	that
H3899	H7039	H3759		H398	H5704
עַד	הַיּוֹם	הַזֶּה	ע ד	הֵב יָאֲכָם	אֶת
until the selfsame	day	H2088	that	ye have brought	H853
H6106	H3117		H5704	H935	an offering
					H7133
אֶלֹהֵיכֶם	חֻקַּת	עוֹלָם	לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם	בְּכָל	
unto your God	it shall be a statute	for ever	throughout your generations	H3605	
H430	H2708	H5769	H1755		
מִשְׁבְּתֵיכֶם:					
in all your dwellings					
H4186					

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 34:26 (References God): The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.