

Leviticus 23:17

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 holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

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 tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

Interlinear Text

מְמוֹשָׁבִי תִיכָּם	תֵּבֶי יֵאוֹן	לֶחֶם	תְּנוּפָה	שְׁנֵי	שְׁנֵי
of your habitations	Ye shall bring out	loaves	wave	of two	of two
H4186	H935	H3899	H8573	H8147	H8147
עֶשְׂרֵנִי יָם	סֵלֶת	תִּהְיֶי יָנָה	חֵמֶץ	תֵּאָפֶי יָנָה	
tenth deals	they shall be of fine flour	H1961	with leaven	they shall be baked	
H6241	H5560		H2557	H644	
בְּכֹרֵי יָם	לַיהוָה:				
they are the firstfruits	unto the LORD				
H1061	H3068				

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 23:10 (Parallel theme): Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

Exodus 34:22 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

Exodus 23:19 (References Lord): The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Exodus 34:26 (References Lord): 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.

Leviticus 7:13 (Parallel theme): Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings.

Numbers 28:26 (References Lord): Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: