

Leviticus 23:18

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. Ancient sacrificial texts from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

וְהִקְרַבְתָּם	עַל	הֶלֶם	שִׁבְעַת	כִּבְשִׁים	תְּמִימִם		
And ye shall offer	H5921	with the bread	seven	lambs	without blemish		
H7126		H3899	H7651	H3532	H8549		
בֶּן	שָׁנָה	וּפָר	בֶּן	בָּקָר	אֶחָד	וְאֵילָם	שְׁנַיִם
of the first	year	bullock	of the first	young	and one	rams	and two
H1121	H8141	H6499	H1121	H1241	H259	H352	H8147
וְהָיוּ	עֹלָה	לַיהוָה:	וּמִנְחָתָם				
H1961	they shall be for a burnt offering	unto the LORD	with their meat offering				
	H5930	H3068	H4503				
וְנִסְכֵּיהֶם	אֲשֶׁר	רִיחַ	נִיחַם				
and their drink offerings	even an offering made by fire	savour	of sweet				
H5262	H801	H7381	H5207				
לַיהוָה:							
unto the LORD							
H3068							