

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

Psalm 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

תְּמִימָם	כָּבֵשׂ	יָם	שְׁבָעַ	תָּמִימָם	עַל	וְהַקְרְבָתָ מְ	לְ
And ye shall offer	H5921	with the bread	H3899	seven	H7651	lambs	without blemish
H7126			H3899		H7651	H3532	H8549
of the first	H1121	year	H8141	bullock	H6499	of the first	H1121
				young	H1241	and one	H259
						rams	H352
						and two	H8147
וְמִנְחָתָם	לְיהוָה	עַלְהָה	וְיִרְאָה	וְיִתְּהָאֵן	וְיִתְּהָאֵן	וְיִתְּהָאֵן	וְיִתְּהָאֵן
H1961	they shall be for a burnt offering	H5930	unto the LORD	H3068	with their meat offering	H4503	
וְיִתְּהָאֵן	מִנְסָכָה	אֲשֶׁר	הַ	רִימָה	מִנְחָה		
and their drink offerings	H5262	even an offering made by fire	H801	savour	H7381	of sweet	H5207
לְיהוָה:							
unto the LORD	H3068						

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