

Leviticus 23:24

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 central theme of Leviticus is God's holiness and the call for His people to be holy. The Hebrew word qadosh (קָדוֹשׁ) means 'set apart' or 'sacred,' emphasizing both separation from sin and consecration to God's purposes.

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 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 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does God's holiness, as revealed in this verse, shape your understanding of worship, obedience, and daily living?
2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

לֹא	לְאמֹר	יִשְׁרָאֵל	בָּנָיו	לְחַדְשָׁה
Speak	H413	unto the children	of Israel	saying
H1696		H1121	H3478	H559
				H2320
לְכָמָד	יְהִי הָרָבָע	בְּאַחֲרֵי	לְחַדְשָׁה	לְכָמָד
In the seventh	in the first	day of the month		
H7637	H259	H2320	H1961	H0
שַׁבָּת וְיִזְכָּר	תְּרוּעָה הַמִּקְרָא	מִקְרָא קָדְשָׁה		
shall ye have a sabbath	a memorial	of blowing	convocation	of trumpets an holy
H7677	H2146	H8643	H4744	H6944

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 15:52 (Parallel theme): In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (Parallel theme): For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Leviticus 25:9 (Parallel theme): Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

Psalms 98:6 (Parallel theme): With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

2 Chronicles 5:13 (Parallel theme): It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

Ezra 3:6 (Parallel theme): From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.

Isaiah 27:13 (Holy): And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

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