

# Leviticus 23:28

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 Hebrew word kaphar (כָּפַר) means 'to cover' or 'to make atonement.' The sacrificial system provided temporary covering for sin, pointing forward to Christ's perfect, once-for-all sacrifice.

The access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to God.

## Historical Context

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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

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. In what ways does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ's atoning sacrifice and the seriousness of sin?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

## Interlinear Text

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וְכָל	מְלָאכָה	לֹא	תַעֲשׂוּ	בְּעֶצֶם	יּוֹם	הַהוּא	כִּי
H3605	<b>no work</b>	H3808	<b>And ye shall do</b>	<b>in that same</b>	<b>day</b>	H2088	H3588
	H4399		H6213	H6106	H3117		
וּ	כְּפָרִים	הוּא	לַכֶּפֶר	עֲלֵיכֶם	לִפְנֵי	יּוֹם	
	<b>day of atonement</b>	H1931	<b>to make an atonement</b>	H5921	<b>for you before</b>		
	H3117	H3725	H3722		H6440		
יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:						
<b>the LORD</b>	<b>your God</b>						
H3068	H430						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Zechariah 3:9** (References Lord): For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

**Leviticus 16:34** (References Lord): And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

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