

Leviticus 23:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

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.

Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

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 texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

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| שַׁבְּתֶיכֶם: | שַׁבַּת וְ | הוא | לְךָ | וְעֲנִיתִי | אֶת |
| It shall be unto you a sabbath | of rest | H1931 | H0 | and ye shall afflict | H853 |
| H7676 | H7677 | | | H6031 | |
| וְנַפְשֵׁיכֶם | בַּתְּשַׁע הַ | לַחֲדָשׁ | עַרְבַּי | עַרְבַּי | עַד עַרְבַּי |
| your souls | in the ninth | day of the month | at even | at even | at even |
| H5315 | H8672 | H2320 | H6153 | H6153 | H5704 H6153 |
| וְתִשְׁבְּתוּ | שַׁבְּתֶיכֶם: | | | | |
| shall ye celebrate | It shall be unto you a sabbath | | | | |
| H7673 | H7676 | | | | |

