

# Leviticus 23:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**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.**

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

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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. 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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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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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שְׁבָתְכֶם:		וְיִשְׁבַּת הַיּוֹם	לְכָמָד	עַבְתִּים	אַתָּה	
<b>It shall be unto you a sabbath</b>	<b>of rest</b>	H1931	H0	<b>and ye shall afflict</b>	H853	
H7676	H7677			H6031		
עַבְתִּים	עַבְתִּים	לְכָמָד	עַבְתִּים	עַבְתִּים	עַבְתִּים	
your souls	in the ninth	day of the month	at even	at even	at even	
H5315	H8672	H2320	H6153	H6153	H5704	
תְּשִׁבְתֶּם:		שְׁבָתְכֶם:		שְׁבָתְכֶם:		
shall ye celebrate	It shall be unto you a sabbath					
H7673	H7676					

