

# Leviticus 23:36

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 (קֹדֶשׁ) means 'set apart' or 'sacred,' emphasizing both separation from sin and consecration to God's purposes. The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive 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. 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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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's holiness, as revealed in this verse, shape your understanding of worship, obedience, and daily living?
2. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
3. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?

## Interlinear Text

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שְׁבַע	בַּיּוֹם	וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם	אֶשֶׁה	
Seven	day	unto you and ye shall offer	an offering made by fire	
H7651	H3117	H7126	H801	
לַיהוָה	בַּיּוֹם	הַשְּׁמִינִי	מִקְרָא	קֹדֶשׁ יְהוָה
unto the LORD	day	on the eighth	convocation	shall be an holy
H3068	H3117	H8066	H4744	H1961
לִּי	וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם	אֶשֶׁה	לַיהוָה	
H0	unto you and ye shall offer	an offering made by fire	unto the LORD	
	H7126	H801	H3068	
עֵצָה	וְהָיָה	כָּל	מְלַאכְתְּךָ	לֹא תַעֲשֶׂוּ
it is a solemn assembly	H1931	H3605	work	no servile
H6116			H4399	H5656
				H3808
				and ye shall do
				H6213

## Additional Cross-References

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**Nehemiah 8:18** (Parallel theme): Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

**John 7:37** (Parallel theme): In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

**Deuteronomy 16:8** (References Lord): Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.

**Joel 1:14** (References Lord): Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,

**Joel 2:15** (Parallel theme): Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

