

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 (קָדוֹשׁ) 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

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

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

אָשָׁה הַקְרְבָּתָ מִבְּיַם שְׁבֻעָת
unto you and ye shall offer an offering made by fire
Seven day unto the LORD

Seven

day

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וְהַקְרְבָּתָ מִבְּיַם

unto you and ye shall offer

an offering made by fire

H801

יְהִי הַקְרָבָתָ מִבְּיַם לְיִהְיוֹת
shall be an holy convocation on the eighth day unto the LORD

unto the LORD

day

H3068

H3117

on the eighth

H8066

מִקְרָבָת

convocation

shall be an holy

H1961

H6944

לְיִהְיוֹת אָשָׁה הַקְרְבָּתָ מִבְּיַם
unto you and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD

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unto you and ye shall offer

an offering made by fire

unto the LORD

H7126

H801

H3068

תַּעֲשֵׂה לֹא עֲבֹד הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת כָּל הַאָתָה שַׁעַר רְתַת
and ye shall do no servile work from the eighth day unto the last day

it is a solemn assembly

H6116

H1931

H3605

work

H4399

no servile

H3808

and ye shall do

H6213

Additional Cross-References

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:

