

Leviticus 23:38

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

Analysis

Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

This verse falls within the section on **Appointed Feasts**. God's sacred calendar including Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, marking redemption and agricultural blessings.

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. The Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?

Interlinear Text

מִלְבָד	שְׁבַת	ת	לִיהְיוֹה:	מִלְבָד	מִתְנוּתִיכְךָ	מִלְבָד
H905	Beside the sabbaths	of the LORD	H3068	H905	and beside your gifts	H4979
H7676				H3605		H3605
מִלְבָד	נְדִיכָם	כָל	כָל	מִלְבָד	תַּתְּנִינְךָ	לִיהְיוֹה:
H905	H3605	and beside all your vows	H5088	H905	H3605	H3068
נְדִיכָם	אֲשֶׁר	תַּתְּנִינְךָ	תַּתְּנִינְךָ	מִלְבָד	תַּתְּנִינְךָ	לִיהְיוֹה:
and beside all your freewill offerings	H834	which ye give	of the LORD	H3068		
H5071		H5414				

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 29:39 (Sacrifice): These things ye shall do unto the LORD in your set feasts, beside your vows, and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your meat offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.

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