

Leviticus 23:39

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 holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
2. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

Interlinear Text

אָ	בְּחִמְשָׁה	עֵשׂר	וּבִיּוֹם	לַחֹדֶשׁ	הַשְּׁבִיעִי
H389	Also in the fifteenth	H6240	day	month	of the seventh
	H2568		H3117	H2320	H7637
וְהָיָה	בְּאַסְפְּכֶם	אֶת	תְּבוּאַת	הָאָרֶץ	תַּחֲגֹגוּ
	when ye have gathered	H853	in the fruit	of the land	ye shall keep
	H622		H8393	H776	H2287
					H853
					a feast
					H2282
יְהוָה	שִׁבְעַת	וּבִיּוֹם	וּבִיּוֹם	הָרִאשׁוֹן	שַׁבָּתוֹן:
unto the LORD	seven	day	day	on the first	shall be a sabbath
H3068	H7651	H3117	H3117	H7223	H7677
וּבִיּוֹם	הַשְּׁמִינִי	שַׁבָּתוֹן:			
day	and on the eighth	shall be a sabbath			
H3117	H8066	H7677			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 23:16 (Parallel theme): And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

Deuteronomy 16:13 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine:

Leviticus 23:34 (References Lord): Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.