

Leviticus 24:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Oil, Bread, and Blasphemy**. Instructions for tabernacle maintenance and the account of a blasphemer's punishment, showing reverence for God's name.

Hebrews 9-10 explains how Christ's once-for-all sacrifice supersedes the repeated Levitical offerings, providing permanent cleansing from sin.

Historical Context

Instructions for tabernacle maintenance and the account of a blasphemer's punishment, showing reverence for God's name. 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. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

תִּזְצַצֵּץ יְאֹו	מֹשֶׁה:	יְהִי בְּרַ	אֶל	וּבְנֵי	לְיִשְׁרָאֵל	תִּזְבְּחַת
spake	And Moses	H413	And the children	of Israel	that they should bring forth	
H1696	H4872		H1121	H3478		H3318
אֶת	אֶת	בְּמִקְלֵל	אֶל	לְפָנֵי הַמִּחְזִיר	וְלֹא	אֶת
H853	him that had cursed	H413	H2351	H4264	and stone	H853
	H7043				H7275	
אֶת בְּנֵי	אֶת בְּנֵי	וְלֹא	עָשָׂה	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	כִּי	אֶת
him with stones	And the children	H1121	H3478	H6213	H834	commanded
H68						H6680
מֹשֶׁה:	אֶת יְהִי הַ					
as the LORD	And Moses	H853	H4872			
H3068						

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