

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

וַיֹּצֵא יָאֵוּ	וְיִשְׂרָאֵל ל	וּבְנֵי	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה׃	וַיִּדְבֹּר
that they should bring forth	of Israel	And the children	H413	And Moses	spake
H3318	H3478	H1121		H4872	H1696
אֶת־וּ	וּדְגָמָוּ	לְמַחֲנֵה	מִחוּץ	אֶל	הַמִּקְלָל ל
H853	and stone	of the camp	out	H413	him that had cursed
	H7275	H4264	H2351		H7043
צָוָה	כָּאֲשֶׁר ר	עָשָׂה וּ	וְיִשְׂרָאֵל ל	וּבְנֵי	אֶבֶן
commanded	H834	did	of Israel	And the children	him with stones
H6680		H6213	H3478	H1121	H68
מֹשֶׁה׃	אֶת־	יְהוָה	אֶת־	מֹשֶׁה׃	אֶת־
And Moses	H853	as the LORD	H3068	And Moses	H3068
H4872					

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