

# Leviticus 24:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Without the **vail of the testimony**, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: it shall be a statute for ever in your generations.

## 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.

The Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

## Historical Context

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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. 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

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's superior priesthood, prefigured in this verse, assure you of access to God and effective intercession?
2. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

## Interlinear Text

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מֹעֵד	בְּאֹהֶל	בְּעֵד תְּ	לְפָרָקֶת	מִחוֹז	Without	the veil	of the testimony	in the tabernacle	of the congregation
H4150	H168	H5715	H6532	H2351	H2351	H6532	H5715	H168	H4150
לִפְנֵי	בְּקָרְבָּן	עַד	מִצְרָבָן	אַתָּה וְיַעֲרֹךְ	order	shall Aaron	it from the evening	unto the morning	before
H6440	H1242	H5704	H6153	H175	H6186	H853	H175	H1242	H6440
לְדִרְתֵּיכֶם:	עַזְלֵם	מִקְרָא תְּ	מִתְמַדֵּת יָד	יְהִי הָ	the LORD	continually	it shall be a statute	for ever	in your generations
H1755	H5769	H2708	H8548	H3068	H3068	H8548	H2708	H5769	H1755

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