

Leviticus 24:7

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.

The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive sacrifice. Ritual purity laws taught Israel to distinguish between clean and unclean, holy and common, training them in discernment and reverence for God's presence.

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

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
2. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
3. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?

Interlinear Text

וְתַּ֨תְּבֹנֵ֤ן כְּתָבָתָ֨ שְׁלֵמָה֙ לְבָנָתָ֨ הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְתַּ֨תְּבֹנֵ֤ן כְּתָבָתָ֨ שְׁלֵמָה֙ לְבָנָתָ֨ הַמִּזְבֵּחַ
And thou shalt put upon each row frankincense pure H1961
H5921 H4635 H3828 H2134

לְלִזְבֵּחַ הַמִּזְבֵּחַ אֲשֶׁר הַמִּזְבֵּחַ
that it may be on the bread for a memorial even an offering made by fire
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לִיהְוָה:
unto the LORD
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Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 2:2 (Creation): And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, to be an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD:

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