

Leviticus 24:8

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.

Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

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. The tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
2. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

לִפְנֵי י'	יַעֲרֹךְ נֹו	הַשַּׁבָּת ת	בִּי וֹם	הַשַּׁבָּת ת	בִּי וֹם
before	in order	Every sabbath	he shall set it	Every sabbath	he shall set it
H6440	H6186	H7676	H3117	H7676	H3117
בְּרִית	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	בְּנֵי	מֵאֵת	תָּמִיד יְד	יְהוָה ה
covenant	of Israel	being taken from the children	continually	the LORD	
H1285	H3478	H1121	H8548	H3068	
					עוֹלָם:
				by an everlasting	
				H5769	

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 2:4 (References Lord): Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.

Numbers 4:7 (Parallel theme): And upon the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon:

1 Chronicles 9:32 (Parallel theme): And other of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the shewbread, to prepare it every sabbath.

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