

Leviticus 25:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Sabbath Year and Jubilee**. Sabbath year rest for land and Year of Jubilee releasing debts and slaves, teaching trust in God's provision.

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

Historical Context

Sabbath year rest for land and Year of Jubilee releasing debts and slaves, teaching trust in God's provision. 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. Ancient sacrificial texts

from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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 help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

תָּשִׁמְרֶר וְ	מִשְׁפָּט וְ	תְּשִׁמְרֶר וְ	תְּשִׁמְרֶר וְ
Wherefore ye shall do	אַתָּה תְּעַשֵּׂת מִ	אַתָּה תְּקַנֵּת מִ	אַתָּה תְּשִׁמְרֶר מִ
H6213	H853	H2708	H853
my statutes		my judgments	
		H4941	H8104
לְבָטֵח: בְּאֵין רֹאשׁ	עַל יְשִׁבָּתְךָ מִ	עַל יְשִׁבָּתְךָ מִ	לְבָטֵח: בְּאֵין רֹאשׁ
Wherefore ye shall do	אַתָּה תְּשִׁמְרֶר מִ	וְיִשְׁבֶּתְךָ מִ	in the land in safety
H6213	H853	H3427	H776 H983

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 23:6 (Parallel theme): In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Deuteronomy 12:10 (Parallel theme): But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety;

Proverbs 1:33 (Parallel theme): But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Psalms 4:8 (Parallel theme): I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

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