

Leviticus 25:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:

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.

What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

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. 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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
3. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?

Interlinear Text

וְכִי יִ	תֹּאמַר וְ	מָה	נֹאכֵל	בַּשָּׁנָה	הַשְּׁבִיעִת	הַזֹּאת
H3588	And if ye shall say	H4100	What shall we eat	year	the seventh	H2005
	H559		H398	H8141	H7637	
לֹא	נִזְרָע	וְלֹא	נֶאֱסַף	אֶת	תְּבוּאָתֵינוּ:	
H3808	behold we shall not sow	H3808	nor gather	H853	in our increase	
	H2232		H622		H8393	

Additional Cross-References

Luke 12:29 (Parallel theme): And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

Leviticus 25:4 (Parallel theme): But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

Isaiah 1:2 (Parallel theme): Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

Matthew 8:26 (Parallel theme): And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

2 Chronicles 25:9 (Parallel theme): And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.

Numbers 11:13 (Parallel theme): Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

Numbers 11:4 (Parallel theme): And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

Philippians 4:6 (Parallel theme): Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.