

Leviticus 25:21

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.

The holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

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. 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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. In what ways does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ's atoning sacrifice and the seriousness of sin?
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

וְצִוֵּיתִי אֶת־בְּרָכָתִי לְכָם בְּשָׁנִים: שְׁשָׁת־יָמִין
Then I will command my blessing year upon you in the sixth
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וְעַשֵּׂת אֶת־הַתְּבוֹאָה לְשָׁלֵשׁ בְּשָׁנִים: שְׁשָׁת־יָמִין
and it shall bring forth fruit for three year
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Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 28:8 (Sin): The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Proverbs 10:22 (Sin): The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (Parallel theme): Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;

Psalms 133:3 (Sin): As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Deuteronomy 28:3 (Blessing): Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

Exodus 16:29 (Parallel theme): See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

Genesis 26:12 (Blessing): Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

Genesis 41:47 (Parallel theme): And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

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.