

Leviticus 25:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

Analysis

Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

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.

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

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 texts like the Code

of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of 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. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?

Interlinear Text

שֵׁשׁ	שָׁנִים	תִּזְרַע	שְׂדֶךָ	שֵׁשׁ	שָׁנִים	תִּזְמַר
Six	years	thou shalt sow	thy field	Six	years	thou shalt prune
H8337	H8141	H2232	H7704	H8337	H8141	H2168
כַּרְמְךָ	וְאָסַפְתָּ	אֹתָ	תְּבוֹאֲתָהּ:			
thy vineyard	and gather	H853	in the fruit			
H3754	H622		H8393			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 23:10 (Parallel theme): And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:

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