

# Leviticus 25:33

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 Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

## Historical Context

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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 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

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

## Interlinear Text

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מִמְכָר יְצַא אֲשֶׁר רְאֵל מִן הַלְוִיִּם מִן  
H834 And if a man purchase H4480 of the Levites shall go out that was sold  
H1350 H3881 H3318 H4465

בָּתִים אֲחִזָּת מִן בָּבֶל כִּי  
for the houses and the city are their possession in the year of jubile H3588  
H1004 H5892 H272 H3104

בָּתִים אֲחִזָּת מִן בָּת וְאֶת בָּבֶל  
for the houses and the city of the Levites H1931 are their possession among H272 H8432  
H1004 H5892 H3881 H272 H3104

יִשְׂרָאֵל: בָּנִים  
the children of Israel  
H1121 H3478

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