

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

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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

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

וְאִשׁ ר	יִגָּאֵל	מִן	הַלְוִיִּם	וַיֵּצֵא א	מִמֶּכֶר
H834	And if a man purchase	H4480	of the Levites	shall go out	that was sold
	H1350		H3881	H3318	H4465
בֵּית י	עִיר י	אֲחֻזַּת ׀	בִּיבִי ל	כִּי	
for the houses	and the city	are their possession	in the year of jubile	H3588	
H1004	H5892	H272	H3104		
בֵּית י	עִיר י	הַלְוִיִּם	הִיא וּא	אֲחֻזַּת ׀	בֵּת וְכֹ
for the houses	and the city	of the Levites	H1931	are their possession	among
H1004	H5892	H3881		H272	H8432
בְּנֵי י	יִשְׂרָאֵל:				
the children	of Israel				
H1121	H3478				