

# Leviticus 25:36

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 access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to 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. Ancient sacrificial texts

from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶל	תֵּקַח	מֵאִתּוֹ	וְשִׁי	וְתִרְבֶּה יָת	וְיָרֵא אֶתְ	מֵאלֹהֵי יְיָ
H408	<b>Take</b>	H853	<b>thou no usury</b>	<b>of him or increase</b>	<b>but fear</b>	<b>thy God</b>
	H3947		H5392	H8636	H3372	H430
וְיָ	אָחִי יְיָ	עֲמִי:				
H2421	<b>that thy brother</b>	H5973				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 22:25** (Parallel theme): If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

**Ezekiel 18:8** (Parallel theme): He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man,

**Ezekiel 18:13** (Parallel theme): Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.

**Ezekiel 18:17** (Parallel theme): That hath taken off his hand from the poor, that hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

**Leviticus 25:17** (References God): Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God.