

Leviticus 25:4

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 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 Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
2. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

וּבִשְׁנָה הַ	הַשְּׁבִיעִת	שַׁבָּת	שַׁבָּתוֹן	יְהוָה הַ	לֹא כֵן
year	But in the seventh	a sabbath	of rest	H1961	unto the land
H8141	H7637	H7676	H7677		H776
שַׁבָּת	לַיהוָה	שְׂדֶךְ	לֹא	תִזְכֶּה	וּכְרָמְךָ
a sabbath	for the LORD	thy field	H3808	thou shalt neither sow	thy vineyard
H7676	H3068	H7704		H2232	H3754
לֹא	תִזְמַר:				
H3808	nor prune				
	H2168				

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 36:21 (References Lord): To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.