

Leviticus 25:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubile:

Analysis

But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubile:

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

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

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But as an hired servant and as a sojourner

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