

Leviticus 25:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids.

Analysis

Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids.

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 holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

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 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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

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 point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

מְאֹתָן לְגַם יְהִי אֲשֶׁר אֲמָתָה:
Both thy bondmen and bondmaids

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H834

H1961

H0

H853

מִנְחָה סְבִיבָתִיכָם אֲשֶׁר
which thou shalt have shall be of the heathen

H1471

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that are round about

H1992

תַּקְנִין אֲמָתָה:
you of them shall ye buy Both thy bondmen and bondmaids

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