

# Leviticus 25:46

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 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**

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## **Study Questions**

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1. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
3. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהִתְנַחֲלֶתֶם And ye shall take them as an inheritance H5157	אֶת H853	בְּנֵי for your children H1121	אַחֲרֵיכֶם after H310
לְךָ שֵׁת you to inherit H3423	אֲחֵי ה them for a possession H272	לְעֹלָם for ever H5769	בְּיָדָם they shall be your bondmen H5647
בְּאֶחָיו but over your brethren H251	בְּנֵי for your children H1121	יִשְׂרָאֵל of Israel H3478	אֶחָד one H376
לֹא H3808	תִּרְדּוּ ה ye shall not rule H7287	בְּכֹחָם with rigour H6531	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 14:2** (References Israel): And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.