

Leviticus 25:47

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

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת יְמֵינֶךָ	וְאֵת	תַּשְׁמַר	וְאֵת	תַּזְמַח	וְאֵת	תַּזְמַבֵּבָב
H3588	wax rich	by thee	And if a sojourner	or sojourner	H5973	
H5381		H3027	H1616	H8453		
וְאֵת	וְאֵת	וְאֵת	וְאֵת	וְאֵת	וְאֵת	וְאֵת
that dwelleth by him	wax poor	and thy brother	and sell	and if a sojourner		
H4134		H251	H5973	H4376	H1616	
וְאֵת	וְאֵת	וְאֵת	וְאֵת	וְאֵת	וְאֵת	וְאֵת
or sojourner	H5973	H176	by thee or to the stock	family	And if a sojourner	
H8453			H6133	H4940	H1616	

