

Leviticus 25:47

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family:

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

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| יְכֻיֹּ | תִשָּׁיֵג | יָדְךָ | גֵּר: | תוֹשָׁב | עַמְּךָ |
| H3588 | wax rich | by thee | And if a sojourner | or sojourner | H5973 |
| | H5381 | H3027 | H1616 | H8453 | |
| | וְיָמְךָ | אָחִי יָבִי | עַמְּךָ | וְנִמְכַּרְךָ | גֵּר: |
| | that dwelleth by him wax poor | and thy brother | H5973 | and sell | And if a sojourner |
| | H4134 | H251 | | H4376 | H1616 |
| תוֹשָׁב | עַמְּךָ | אֶל | לְעֵקֶב | מִשְׁפַּחְתָּ | גֵּר: |
| or sojourner | H5973 | H176 | by thee or to the stock | family | And if a sojourner |
| H8453 | | | H6133 | H4940 | H1616 |

