

Leviticus 25:49

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.

Analysis

Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.

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.

Hebrews 9-10 explains how Christ's once-for-all sacrifice supersedes the repeated Levitical offerings, providing permanent cleansing from sin.

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. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 – Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 – God is love

Study Questions

1. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
2. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
3. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?

Interlinear Text

אִי	לְתִי	לְתִי	כִּי	אִי	לְתִי	לְתִי	אִתְּכָלֶ	אִי
H176	Either his uncle	H176	son	H176	Either his uncle	H176	he may redeem	H176
	H1730		H1121		H1730		H1350	

מַשְׁאָר	בָּשָׂר	מִמְשְׁפָחָה	וְיַגְאָל	אָו
him or any that is nigh	of kin	unto him of his family	he may redeem	H176

השׁ יגה	יד	יכנְאַל:
him or if he be able	himself	he may redeem

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 25:26 (Redemption): And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it;

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