

Leviticus 25:53

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 New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with 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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

כְּשָׂכָר יִרְ	בְּשָׂנָה ה	בְּשָׂנָה ה	לֹא עִמּוֹ יְהוָה ה		
hired servant	And as a yearly	And as a yearly			
H7916	H8141	H8141	H1961	H5973	H3808
	יִרְדּוּ נֹו		בְּכָרָה	לְעֵינֶיךָ:	
	shall he be with him and the other shall not rule		with rigour	over him in thy sight	
	H7287		H6531	H5869	

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