

Leviticus 25:55

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

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 holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

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. The Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?

Interlinear Text

לֵ	לֵ	בָּנִ	בָּנִ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	יִשְׂרָאֵל	עֲבָד	עֲבָד	עֲבָד	עֲבָד
H3588	H0	For unto me the children	H1121	of Israel	H3478	are servants	H5650	are servants	H1992
אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	הַזֶּ	הַזֶּ	אֶזְרָח	אֶזְרָח	מִצְרָיִם	מִצְרָיִם	אֶת	אֶת
H834	whom I brought forth	H3318	H853	out of the land	H776	of Egypt	H4714	H589	
יְהִי הָ	יְהִי הָ	אֱלֹהֵיכֶם	אֱלֹהֵיכֶם	I am the LORD	your God				
H3068		H430							

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 25:42 (References Egypt): For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen.

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