

Leviticus 25:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee,

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. Ancient sacrificial texts from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיְתָה	שַׁבַּת	הָאֲרֶץ	לָכֶם	לֶאֱכֹל הָ	לֶב
H1961	And the sabbath	of the land	H0	shall be meat	H0
	H7676	H776		H402	
וְלַעֲבָדְךָ	וְלַאֲמָתְךָ	וְלַשִּׁכְרִיָּךְ			
for you for thee and for thy servant	and for thy maid	and for thy hired servant			
H5650	H519	H7916			
וְלַתּוֹשֵׁב בָּךְ	הַגֵּר יִם	עִמָּךְ:			
and for thy stranger	that sojourneth	H5973			
H8453	H1481				

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