

Leviticus 26:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Blessings and Curses**. Covenant blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience, establishing consequences of Israel's covenant relationship.

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

Historical Context

Covenant blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience, establishing consequences of Israel's covenant relationship. 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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

אֲנִי	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	אֲשֶׁר	הוֹצֵאתִי	אֶתְכֶם
H589	I am the LORD	your God	H834	which brought you forth	H853
	H3068	H430		H3318	
מֵאֶרֶץ	מִצְרַיִם	מִהֵי	לֵךְ	עֲבָדֵי	
out of the land	of Egypt	H1961	H0	that ye should not be their bondmen	
H776	H4714			H5650	
וְאֲשַׁבֵּר	מִטַּת	עַלְכֶּם	וְאֹלֵךְ	אֶתְכֶם	קוֹמְמוֹת:
and I have broken	the bands	of your yoke	H1980	H853	upright
H7665	H4133	H5923			H6968

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 34:27 (References Lord): And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

Psalms 116:16 (References Lord): O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

Exodus 20:2 (References God): I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Leviticus 25:38 (References God): I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

Jeremiah 2:20 (Parallel theme): For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.

Leviticus 25:55 (References God): 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.