

Leviticus 26:2

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.

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

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. 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

Interlinear Text

אַתָּה שְׁבִתַּתִּי תָּשִׁמְתָּ רֹא שְׁבִתַּתִּי וְמִקְדָּשׁ אֱלֹהִים תִּירְאֶנּוּ אָתָּה

H853 my sabbaths H7676 H8104 my sanctuary H4720 and reverence H3372 H589

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I am the LORD

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Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 19:30 (Temple): Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

