

Leviticus 26:3

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. 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

Interlinear Text

אֲנִי	בְּחֻקֵּי יְיָ	תֵּלֵךְ כֹּ	וְאֶת	מִצְוֹת יְיָ	וְתִשְׁמֹר וְ	וַעֲשִׂיתָ
H518	in my statutes	H1980	H853	my commandments	and keep	and do
	H2708			H4687	H8104	H6213

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H853

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 1:19 (Parallel theme): If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

