

Leviticus 26:30

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.

Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

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 tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?

Interlinear Text

וְהִשְׁמַדְתִּי י	אֶת	בְּמִלְחָמָה	וְהִכַּרְתִּי	אֶת	חַמֵּי יִצְחָק
And I will destroy	H853	your high places	and cut down	H853	your images
H8045		H1116	H3772		H2553
וְנָתַתִּי	אֶת	פְּגָרָי	עַל	פְּגָרָי	גְּלוּלֵיכֶם
and cast	H853	upon the carcasses	H5921	upon the carcasses	of your idols
H5414		H6297	H6297		H1544
וְגִעַל ה	נַפְשִׁי	אֶתְכֶם:			
shall abhor	and my soul	H853			
H1602	H5315				

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 23:20 (Parallel theme): And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

Isaiah 27:9 (Parallel theme): By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

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