

Leviticus 26:43

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 access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to God.

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

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 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

וְהָאָרֶץ בְּתֵצָה מִהֶם יֵרָצוּ אֶת שַׁבָּתֹתֶיהָ
The land **also shall be left** H1992 **of them and shall enjoy** H853 **her sabbaths**
H776 H5800 H7521 H7676

בְּהִשָּׁמָה מִהֶם וְהֵם יֵרָצוּ אֶת
while she lieth desolate H1992 H1992 **of them and shall enjoy** H853
H8074 H7521

עוֹן וּבִי עֵן וּבִי עֵן בְּמִשְׁפָּטִי מָאָסוּ
of the punishment of their iniquity **because** **because** **my judgments** **they despised**
H5771 H3282 H3282 H4941 H3988

וְאֶת חֻקֹּתַי גָּעַלָהּ נַפְשָׁם:
H853 **my statutes** **abhorred** **and because their soul**
H2708 H1602 H5315

Additional Cross-References

Romans 8:7 (Parallel theme): Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Leviticus 26:15 (Judgment): And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: