

Leviticus 26:44

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 texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

וְאַפְתָּגְמָן זֶת בְּהִוָּת מְבָא רֶצֶן אַיְבִּיכָּה מְבָא רֶצֶן
And yet when they be for all that H1961 in the land of their enemies H3808
H637 H1571 H2063 H776 H341

מְאָסָת יְמָנָה גַּעַלְתִּים לְכָלָת מְ
I will not cast them away neither will I abhor them to destroy them utterly
H3988 H3808 H1602 H3615

לְבִפְרָט בְּרִית מְאָתָן אָנָּב כִּי אָתָּה יְהִי הָ
and to break my covenant H854 H3588 H589 with them for I am the LORD
H6565 H1285 H3068

אֱלֹהִים:
their God
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Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 9:31 (References God): Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

Romans 11:2 (References God): God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,

Psalms 94:14 (References Lord): For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

2 Kings 13:23 (Covenant): And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.