

Leviticus 26:45

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 New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with 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. 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
2. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
3. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?

Interlinear Text

אֲשֶׁר	רְאִשְׁנָן	יְמִם	בְּרִית	לְבָם	יִיכְרֹת	וְ
But I will for their sakes remember						
H2142			H0		the covenant	of their ancestors
					H1285	H834
whom I brought forth	H3318	אֲתֶם	אֶצְבָּע	מִן	לְעֵינֵי	הַזֹּאתִי
	H853		H776	מִן	H4714	H5869
of the heathen	H1471	H1961	H0	לְבָם	לְאֱלֹהִים	אֶתְּנָהָרָה:
					H430	H3068
				לְהִיּוֹת	לְאֱלֹהִים	אֶתְּנָהָרָה:

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 25:38 (References God): I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

Ezekiel 20:9 (References Egypt): But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

Ezekiel 20:22 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

Leviticus 22:33 (References God): That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.