

Leviticus 26:9

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.

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

וּפָנִי יִתִּי	אֵלֶיךָ ׀	וְהִפְרִיתִי י	אֶתְּךָ ׀
For I will have respect	H413	unto you and make you fruitful	H853
H6437		H6509	
׀ וְהִרְבֵּיתִי י	אֶתְּךָ ׀	וְהִקְיִמֹתִי י	אֶתְּכֶם:
and multiply	H853	you and establish	H853
H7235		H6965	my covenant
			H854
			H1285

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 107:38 (Parallel theme): He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Nehemiah 9:23 (Covenant): Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

Ezekiel 16:62 (Covenant): And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD:

Isaiah 55:3 (Covenant): Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Genesis 28:3 (Parallel theme): And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

Jeremiah 33:3 (Parallel theme): Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Deuteronomy 28:11 (Parallel theme): And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

Psalms 89:3 (Covenant): I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,

Exodus 6:4 (Covenant): And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

Exodus 1:7 (Parallel theme): And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.