

Leviticus 27:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou valuest it, who art the priest, so shall it be.

Analysis

And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou valuest it, who art the priest, so shall it be.

This verse falls within the section on **Vows and Dedications**. Regulations for voluntary vows and dedicating persons or property to God, teaching careful commitment.

The Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

Historical Context

Regulations for voluntary vows and dedicating persons or property to God, teaching careful commitment. 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. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 – God is love

John 15:13 – Greatest form of love

Romans 2:1 – Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's superior priesthood, prefigured in this verse, assure you of access to God and effective intercession?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?

Interlinear Text

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| וְבָעֵר יְרֵא | shall value | וְאַתָּה הַכֹּה | And the priest | H853 | וְיִבְרָא | it whether | H996 | וְטֹב | it be good | H2896 | וְיִבְרָא | it whether | H996 | וְרָע | bad | H7451 |
| H6186 | | H3548 | | | | H996 | | H2896 | | H996 | | | | | | |

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| כְּעָרָךְ | בְּ | הַכֹּה | כְּ | יְהִי |
| as thou valuest | And the priest | H3651 | | H1961 |
| H6187 | H3548 | | | |

