

Leviticus 27:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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 central theme of Leviticus is God's holiness and the call for His people to be holy. The Hebrew word *qadosh* (קֹדֶשׁ) means 'set apart' or 'sacred,' emphasizing both separation from sin and consecration to God's purposes.

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

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's holiness, as revealed in this verse, shape your understanding of worship, obedience, and daily living?
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

וְאֵין מִשְׁדֵּה	אֶחָדָתוֹ	יְקַדֵּשׁ יֵשׁ	אִישׁ		
<small>H518</small>	some part of a field	of his possession	shall sanctify	And if a man	
	<small>H7704</small>	<small>H272</small>	<small>H6942</small>	<small>H376</small>	
לַיהוָה	וְהָיָה	עֵרְכָבְךָ	לְפִי י	זֶרַע	זֶרַע
unto the LORD	<small>H1961</small>	then thy estimation	shall be according	seed	seed
<small>H3068</small>		<small>H6187</small>	<small>H6310</small>	<small>H2233</small>	<small>H2233</small>
חֹמֶר	שְׁעָרֵי	בְחֵמֶשׁ יָם	שֵׁקֶל	כֶּסֶף:	
thereof an homer	of barley	shall be valued at fifty	shekels	of silver	
<small>H2563</small>	<small>H8184</small>	<small>H2572</small>	<small>H8255</small>	<small>H3701</small>	

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