

Leviticus 27:20

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 holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

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. 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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

מִכְרָא לְאָמֵן
H518 H3808 And if he will not redeem H1350
אָתָה הַשְׁדֵךְ הַמִּבְּרָא
H853 H7704 the field H7704
וְאִם רַכְבָּא
H518 H4376 or if he have sold H4376

עִזּוֹת
H5750
אָתָה הַשְׁדֵךְ הַמִּבְּרָא
H853 H7704 the field H7704
לֹא יְשַׁבֵּר אֶת־רַכְבָּא
H3808 H312 to another H312
וְאִם לֹא יְשַׁבֵּר
H1350 H1350 And if he will not redeem H1350