

Leviticus 27:28

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.

Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

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. The Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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 point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

אֲנִי	כָּל	חַיָּה	אֲשֶׁר	יִתְּנֶה	אֵל יֵשׁ
H389	H3605	Notwithstanding no devoted thing	H834	shall devote	that a man
		H2764		H2763	H376
לַיהוָה:	מִכָּל	אֲשֶׁר	לֹא	מֵאֵדָם	וּבְהֵמָה
unto the LORD	H3605	H834	H0	of all that he hath both of man	and beast
H3068				H120	H929
וּמִשָּׂדֵה	אֲחֻזַּת	לֹא	יִמָּכַר	וְלֹא	יִגָּאֵל
and of the field	of his possession	H3808	shall be sold	H3808	or redeemed
H7704	H272		H4376		H1350
		חַיָּה	קֹדֶשׁ יִמ	הוא	לַיהוָה:
		Notwithstanding no devoted thing	holy	H1931	unto the LORD
		H2764	H6944	H6944	H3068

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 22:20 (References Lord): He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

Deuteronomy 25:19 (References Lord): Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.

Leviticus 27:21 (Holy): But the field, when it goeth out in the jubile, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's.