

# Leviticus 27:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

## Analysis

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**And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.**

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

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

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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 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**

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## **Study Questions**

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1. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהָיָה	עֲרֵכְךָ	הֵיזָרָה	בֶּן	עֶשְׂרִים	שָׁנָה	וְעַד
H1961	And thy estimation	shall be of the male	old	from twenty	years	H5704
	H6187	H2145	H1121	H6242	H8141	
בֶּן	שֵׁשֶׁשׁ	וְעַד	וְהָיָה	עֲרֵכְךָ	חֲמִשָּׁה	
old	even unto sixty	years	H1961	And thy estimation	shall be fifty	
H1121	H8346	H8141		H6187	H2572	
בֶּשֶׁקֶל	כֶּסֶף	בֶּשֶׁקֶל	הַקֹּדֶשׁ:			
after the shekel	of silver	after the shekel	of the sanctuary			
H8255	H3701	H8255	H6944			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 30:13** (Temple): This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) an half shekel shall be the offering of the LORD.

**Leviticus 27:25** (Temple): And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

**Numbers 18:16** (Temple): And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.