

Leviticus 27:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

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 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 texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God's holiness, as revealed in this verse, shape your understanding of worship, obedience, and daily living?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

Interlinear Text

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| ל א | יִבְקֹר | בֵּין | ט וּב | לֵב ע | וְל א |
| H3808 | He shall not search | H996 | whether it be good | or bad | H3808 |
| | H1239 | | H2896 | H7451 | |
| וְיִמְיָךְ נוֹ | וְאִם | יִמְיָךְ נוֹ | יִמְיָךְ נוֹ | וְהִיא | ה וְא |
| it and if he change | H518 | it and if he change | it and if he change | H1961 | H1931 |
| H4171 | | H4171 | H4171 | | |
| וְתִמְוֹכַת וְ | יְהִיָּה | קִדְשׁ | ל א | | |
| then both it and the change | H1961 | thereof shall be holy | H3808 | | |
| H8545 | | H6944 | | | |
| וְגֵאֻלִּי: | | | | | |
| it shall not be redeemed | | | | | |
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Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 27:10 (Holy): He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange thereof shall be holy.