

Leviticus 3:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Peace Offerings**. The peace offering (שְׁלָמִים, shalamim) celebrated fellowship with God and community, with portions shared between God, priests, and worshipers.

The access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to God.

Historical Context

The peace offering (שְׁלָמִים, shalamim) celebrated fellowship with God and community, with portions shared between God, priests, and worshipers. Leviticus was given to Israel at Mount Sinai, shortly after the tabernacle's construction described in Exodus. The name 'Leviticus' (from Latin Leviticus, referring to the Levites) reflects its focus on priestly duties, though the Hebrew title Wayyiqra ('And He called') emphasizes God's initiative in revealing these laws. The first seven chapters detail the five main offerings, providing both worshiper instructions and priestly procedures. Ancient Near Eastern cultures had various sacrificial systems, but Israel's sacrificial worship was unique in its ethical

foundation, monotheistic framework, and emphasis on atonement rather than appeasement. Unlike pagan rituals focused on manipulating deities, Israel's sacrifices acknowledged God's sovereignty and sought reconciliation based on His gracious provision. 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת	שְׁתֵּי יָ	הַכְּלָיִת	וְאֵת	הַחֵלֶב	אֶשְׂרֵי	עֲלֶהָ	אֶשְׂרֵי
H853	And the two	kidneys	H853	and the fat	H834	H5921	H834
	H8147	H3629		H2459			
עַל		הַכֶּסֶלִים	וְאֵת	הַיֵּתָרֶת	עַל		
H5921	that is upon them	which is by the flanks	H853	and the caul	H5921		
		H3689		H3508			
הַכֶּבֶד	עַל	הַכְּלָיִת	יִסְרְנָהּ:				
above the liver	H5921	kidneys	it shall he take away				
H3516		H3629	H5493				

