

Leviticus 3:15

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. 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?

Interlinear Text

אֶשֶׁר עָלָהּ אֶשֶׁר הֵחַלָּב וְאֶת הַכְּלִי תִשֶּׂה יְאֵת

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And the two

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kidneys

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and the fat

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עַל הַיֵּתָרֶת וְאֶת הַכֶּסֶּלִּים עַל

H5921

that is upon them which is by the flanks

H3689

H853

and the caul

H3508

H5921

יִסְרְנָה: הַכְּלִי תִשֶּׂה עַל הַכֶּבֶד

above the liver

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kidneys

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it shall he take away

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