

# Leviticus 3:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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

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

What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

## Historical Context

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The peace offering (שְׁלָמִים, shelamim) 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. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

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

## Study Questions

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1. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

## Interlinear Text

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| וְאֶת | שְׁתֵּי יָדָיו  | הַכִּלְיֹת וְאֶת       | הַחֵלֶב     | אֲשֶׁר       | עָלֶיהָ | אֲשֶׁר          |      |
| H853  | And the two     | kidneys                | H853        | and the fat  | H834    | H5921           | H834 |
|       | H8147           | H3629                  |             | H2459        |         |                 |      |
| עַל   |                 | הַכִּסְלִים            | וְאֶת       | הַיֵּתֶת     | עַל     | הַכֶּבֶד        |      |
| H5921 | that is on them | which is by the flanks | H853        | and the caul | H5921   | above the liver |      |
|       |                 | H3689                  |             | H3508        |         | H3516           |      |
| עַל   | וְאֶת           | הַכִּלְיֹת             | יִסְרְנָהּ: |              |         |                 |      |
| H5921 | kidneys         | it shall he take away  |             |              |         |                 |      |
|       | H3629           | H5493                  |             |              |         |                 |      |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 3:10** (Parallel theme): 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.