

# Leviticus 4:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Sin Offerings**. The sin offering (חטאת, chattat) provided atonement for unintentional sins, addressing the defilement sin causes in God's holy presence.

The Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive sacrifice. Leviticus 17:11 declares 'the life of the flesh is in the blood,' establishing blood's sacred role in atonement, pointing to Christ's blood shed for redemption.

The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical

system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

## Historical Context

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The sin offering (חטאת, chattat) provided atonement for unintentional sins, addressing the defilement sin causes in God's holy presence. 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 Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's superior priesthood, prefigured in this verse, assure you of access to God and effective intercession?
2. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּתֵּן	וְהַכֹּהֵן	מִן	כָּל	עַל	קַרְנוֹת	מִזְבֵּחַ
shall put	And the priest	H4480	all the blood	H5921	upon the horns	of the altar
H5414	H3548		H1818		H7161	H4196
קֵטֹרֶת	הַסַּמִּים	לִפְנֵי	יְהוָה	אֲשֶׁר	אֵל	הַל
incense	of sweet	before	the LORD	H834	of the tabernacle	
H7004	H5561	H6440	H3068		H168	
מוֹעֵד:	וְאֵת	כָּל	כָּל	הַפָּר	וְשָׁפַךְ	
of the congregation	H853	H3605	all the blood	of the bullock	and shall pour	
H4150			H1818	H6499	H8210	
אֶל	יְסוֹד	מִזְבֵּחַ	הָעֹלָה	אֲשֶׁר	פֶּתַח	
H413	at the bottom	of the altar	of the burnt offering	H834	which is at the door	
	H3247	H4196	H5930		H6607	
אֵל	מוֹעֵד:					
of the tabernacle	of the congregation					
H168	H4150					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 8:15** (Blood): And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.

**Leviticus 9:9** (Blood): And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar:

**Leviticus 4:18** (Blood): And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the LORD, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

**Leviticus 16:18** (Blood): And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about.

**Leviticus 4:34** (Blood): And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar:

**Leviticus 5:9** (Blood): And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it is a sin offering.

**Leviticus 4:30** (Blood): And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.