

Leviticus 4:9

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 (**תְּעִטָּה**, chattat) provided atonement for unintentional sins, addressing the defilement sin causes in God's holy presence.

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

Historical Context

The sin offering (**תְּעִטָּה**, 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. 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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?

Interlinear Text

אֲשֶׁר עַל־יָדֶךָ אֲשֶׁר עַל־לִבְנֶיךָ וְעַל־שְׁתֵּי	וְעַל־פְּנֵי לְבָבֶךָ וְעַל־פְּנֵי קַלְיֵי וְעַל־פְּנֵי	וְעַל־פְּנֵי שְׁתֵּי
H853 And the two H8147	H3629 kidneys	H853 H2459 and the fat
		H834 H5921 H834
עַל־פְּנֵי רְתַת־בָּבֶן עַל־פְּנֵי בְּיַתְרַת־בָּבֶן	וְעַל־פְּנֵי בְּיַתְרַת־בָּבֶן וְעַל־פְּנֵי	וְעַל־פְּנֵי
H5921 that is upon them which is by the flanks H3689	H853 and the caul H3508	H5921
וְעַל־פְּנֵי רְתַת־בָּבֶן וְעַל־פְּנֵי בְּיַתְרַת־בָּבֶן	וְעַל־פְּנֵי בְּיַתְרַת־בָּבֶן וְעַל־פְּנֵי	וְעַל־פְּנֵי
above the liver H3516	H5921 kidneys	H5493 it shall be taken away

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 3:4 (Parallel theme): 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.

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