

# Leviticus 4:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**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,**

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.

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 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. 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

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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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

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וְאֵת	שְׁתֵּי יָ	הַכִּלְיֹת	וְאֵת	הַחֵלֶב	אֶשְׁרֵי	עֲלֶיהָ	אֶשְׁרֵי
H853	And the two	kidneys	H853	and the fat	H834	H5921	H834
	H8147	H3629		H2459			
עַל		הַכִּסְלִים		וְאֵת	הַיֵּתָרֶת	עַל	
H5921	that is upon them	which is by the flanks	H5921	H853	and the caul	H5921	
		H3689			H3508		
הַכֶּבֶד	עַל	הַכִּלְיֹת	וְאֵת	יִסְרָף:			
above the liver	H5921	kidneys	it shall he take away	H5493			
H3516		H3629					

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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