

Leviticus 6:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein:

Analysis

Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein:

This verse falls within the section on **Priestly Instructions for Offerings**. Detailed regulations for priests administering the sacrificial system, emphasizing holiness and proper handling of sacred things.

Hebrews 9-10 explains how Christ's once-for-all sacrifice supersedes the repeated Levitical offerings, providing permanent cleansing from sin.

Historical Context

Detailed regulations for priests administering the sacrificial system, emphasizing holiness and proper handling of sacred things. 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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. In what ways does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ's atoning sacrifice and the seriousness of sin?
2. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

Interlinear Text

אֹו	מָצָא	אֲבֵדָה	וְכִלְיָה	בָּהּ	וְנִשְׁבַּע
H176	Or have found	that which was lost	and lieth	H0	concerning it and sweareth
	H4672	H9	H3584		H7650
עַל	שֶׁקֶר	עַל	אִם תִּ	מִכֹּל ל	אֲשֶׁר
H5921	falsely	H5921	in any	H3605	H834
	H8267		H259		H834
				doeth	of all these that a man
				H6213	H120
לְחַטֹּא	בָּהֶנָּה:				
sinning	therein				
H2398	H2007				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 23:4 (Parallel theme): If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.

Leviticus 19:12 (Parallel theme): And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

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