

Leviticus 7:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Further Offering Regulations**. Additional laws concerning offerings, including prohibitions on eating fat and blood, establishing boundaries for holy things.

The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive sacrifice. Hebrews 9-10 explains how Christ's once-for-all sacrifice supersedes the repeated Levitical offerings, providing permanent cleansing from sin.

Historical Context

Additional laws concerning offerings, including prohibitions on eating fat and blood, establishing boundaries for holy 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. 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

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| וְאֵלֶּךָ לֹת הַאֲכֵל וְאֵלֶּךָ | מִבְשָׂר | בְּחִ | | |
| H518 | H3605 | at all | And if any of the flesh | of the sacrifice |
| | | H398 | H1320 | H2077 |
| שְׁלָמָה יְ | לְאֵלֶּךָ בְּיַיְוָם | וְאֵלֶּךָ | וְאֵלֶּךָ | וְאֵלֶּךָ |
| of his peace offerings | day | on the third | it shall not be accepted | |
| H8002 | H3117 | H7992 | H3808 | H7521 |
| בְּמַקְרֵב יְ | לְאֵלֶּךָ אֶת זֶ | וְאֵלֶּךָ בְּ | וְאֵלֶּךָ | |
| unto him that offereth | H853 | H3808 | neither shall it be imputed | H0 |
| H7126 | | | H2803 | |
| פְּגַע וְ | וְאֵלֶּךָ לֹת וְפְגַע פְּשָׁ | וְאֵלֶּךָ הַ | וְאֵלֶּךָ | וְאֵלֶּךָ |
| it shall be an abomination | H1961 | and the soul | at all | his iniquity |
| H6292 | | H5315 | H398 | H4480 |
| וְאֵלֶּךָ | | | | H5771 |
| וְאֵלֶּךָ | | | | |
| of it shall bear | | | | |
| H5375 | | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 22:25 (Parallel theme): Neither from a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, and blemishes be in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

Leviticus 11:41 (Parallel theme): And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten.

Numbers 18:27 (Sacrifice): And this your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the corn of the threshingfloor, and as the fulness of the winepress.