

# Leviticus 7:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleanness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which pertain unto the LORD, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

## 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. Ritual purity laws taught Israel to distinguish between clean and unclean, holy and common, training them in discernment and reverence for God's 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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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

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
2. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּטֻמָּא תִּשְׁמַח	טָמֵא תִּשְׁמַח	בְּכָל	תַּחַטָּע	בְּכָל	בְּפָשָׁע	בְּפָשָׁע
Moreover the soul	that shall touch	or any unclean		or any unclean	any unclean	
H5315	H5060	H2931		H2931	H2932	
אָדָם	בְּבָהָמָה	טָמֵא	בְּכָל	אָזְבָּן	בְּכָל	בְּפָשָׁע
of man	beast	or any unclean		or any abominable		
H120	H929	H2931	H176	H3605	H8263	
טָמֵא	מִבְשָׂר	בְּכָל	בְּכָל	בְּשָׁלָמִים		
or any unclean	thing and eat	of the flesh	of the sacrifice	of peace offerings		
H2931	H398	H1320	H2077	H8002		
אֲשֶׁר	לִיהְיוֹת	וְנִכְרַת	בְּ	בְּשָׁלָמִים		
which pertain unto the LORD	shall be cut off	Moreover the soul				
H3068	H3772	H5315				H1931
מִעַמָּיו:						
from his people						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 4:14** (References Lord): Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

**Leviticus 11:20** (Parallel theme): All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.