

Leviticus 7:23

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.

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. 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

דַּבֵּר	אֶל	בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	לֵאמֹר	כֹּל	חַלֵּב
Speak	H413	unto the children	of Israel	saying	H3605 no manner of fat
H1696		H1121	H3478	H559	H2459
שׁוֹר	וְכֶשֶׂב	וְעֵז	לֹא	תֹאכְלוּ:	
of ox	or of sheep	or of goat	H3808	Ye shall eat	
H7794	H3775	H5795		H398	
