

Leviticus 7:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul that is above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away:

Analysis

And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul that is above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away:

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 New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

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. Ancient sacrificial texts from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וְאֵת	שְׁתֵּי יָדָיו	הַכְּלָיִם	וְאֵת	הַחֵלֶב	אֶשְׂרָא	עֲלֵיהֶם	אֶשְׂרָא
H853	And the two	kidneys	H853	and the fat	H834	H5921	H834
	H8147	H3629		H2459			
עַל	הַכְּסָלִים	וְאֵת	הַיֵּתָרִית	עַל			
H5921	that is on them which is by the flanks	H853	and the caul	H5921			
	H3689		H3508				
הַכֶּבֶד	עַל	הַכְּלָיִם	יִסְרָף:				
that is above the liver	H5921	kidneys	it shall he take away				
H3516		H3629	H5493				

