

Leviticus 8:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder:

Analysis

And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder:

This verse falls within the section on **Consecration of Aaron and Sons**. The ordination ceremony established the Aaronic priesthood, involving washing, anointing, and sacrifice—prefiguring Christ's priesthood.

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

Historical Context

The ordination ceremony established the Aaronic priesthood, involving washing, anointing, and sacrifice—prefiguring Christ's priesthood. Chapters 8-10 describe the priesthood's consecration and early ministry. Aaron and his sons received special anointing for their mediatorial role between God and Israel. The tragic account of Nadab and Abihu (ch. 10) demonstrates that approaching God requires reverence and obedience. 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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

Interlinear Text

וּמִסֵּל	מֵצֶה	אֲשֶׁר	לִפְנֵי	יְהוָה	לָקַח
And out of the basket	of unleavened	H834	that was before	the LORD	he took
H5536	H4682		H6440	H3068	H3947
וְחֵלֶת	מֵצֶה	אֶחָד	וְחֵלֶת	לֶחֶם	שֶׁמֶן
and a cake	of unleavened	bread and one	and a cake	bread	of oiled
H2471	H4682	H259	H2471	H3899	H8081
אֶחָד	וְכֶקֶל יֶקֶד	אֶחָד	וַיִּשֶׂם	עַל	הַחֶלֶב יֵם
bread and one	wafer	bread and one	and put	H5921	them on the fat
H259	H7550	H259	H7760		H2459
שֵׁן וְקֶדֶם	הַיְמָיִן:				
shoulder	and upon the right				
H7785	H3225				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 29:23 (References Lord): And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the LORD: