

Leviticus 8:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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.

What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

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. Ancient texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?
2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

אָתָּה	וַיְעַשׂ	וְיֹאמֶר	מֵשֶׁה	רְאֵשׁ	צִוָּה	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל
did	And Moses		H834	commanded	as the LORD		H853	
H6213	H4872			H6680		H3068		
וְיִתְקַרְבֶּל		בְּעֵד הַמִּשְׁבָּצָר		אֶל	בְּתַחַת	אֶל		
was gathered together		him and the assembly		H413	unto the door	of the tabernacle		
H6950		H5712			H6607		H168	
מִזְבֵּחַ								
of the congregation								
H4150								