

Leviticus 8:9

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.

The central theme of Leviticus is God's holiness and the call for His people to be holy. The Hebrew word *qadosh* (קֹדֶשׁ) means 'set apart' or 'sacred,' emphasizing both separation from sin and consecration to God's purposes.

The holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's holiness, as revealed in this verse, shape your understanding of worship, obedience, and daily living?
2. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

עַל	וַיִּשֶׂם	אֶת	הַמִּצְנֶה	כֹּתֶן	עַל	רֹאשׁוֹ	וַיִּשֶׂם	עַל
	And he put	H853	also upon the mitre	H4701	H5921	upon his head	And he put	H5921
	H7760					H7218	H7760	
צִיָּץ	אֶת	פָּנָיו	מִוֹל	אֶל	הַמִּצְנֶה	כֹּתֶן		
			even upon his forefront	H6440	H413	also upon the mitre		
						H4701		
מֹשֶׁה:	אֶת	יְהוָה	צִוָּה	רַ	כְּאֲשֶׁר	הַקֹּדֶשׁ	נִזְרָה	הַזָּהָב
			commanded	H834		the holy	crown	the golden
			H6680			H6944	H5145	H2091
	as the LORD	H3068						
	H853							
	Moses	H4872						

