

Leviticus 9:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Priests Begin Their Ministry**. Aaron's first official sacrifices as high priest, culminating in God's glory appearing and fire consuming the offerings.

The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive sacrifice. The holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

Historical Context

Aaron's first official sacrifices as high priest, culminating in God's glory appearing and fire consuming the offerings. 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 tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
2. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּקְרַב	אֶת	מִתְבָּנָה	מִתְבָּנָה	וַיִּמְלֹא	כֶּפוֹ	מִתְבָּנָה
And he brought	H853	the meat offering	H4503	and took	H4390	an handful
H7126				H3709		H4480

וְקָרְבָּנָה	עַל	מִזְבֵּחַ	מִזְבֵּחַ	מִלְבָד	עַל	תְּמִימָה
thereof and burnt	H5921	it upon the altar	H4196	beside	H905	the burnt sacrifice
H6999						H5930

בְּקָרָב:
of the morning

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