

# Deuteronomy 12:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:

## Analysis

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The worship elements to bring: 'thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks.' This comprehensive list covers all sacrificial and tributary offerings prescribed in Leviticus. The centralization means all worship expressions—mandatory and voluntary, animal and agricultural—must occur at the chosen sanctuary. This created national gatherings for feast times, fostering unity and covenant identity. The variety of offerings reflects holistic stewardship: produce, livestock, wealth all belong to God and are offered back in worship.

## Historical Context

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Leviticus 1-7 prescribes these various offerings. The three annual pilgrimage feasts (Passover/Unleavened Bread, Pentecost/Weeks, Tabernacles—Deuteronomy 16:16) required males to appear at the sanctuary, bringing prescribed offerings. This created economic and social challenges for distant tribes but reinforced national cohesion. After the kingdom divided, Jeroboam established rival sanctuaries at Dan and Bethel (1 Kings 12:26-33) specifically to prevent northern tribes from worshiping in Jerusalem, recognizing worship centralization's unifying power.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does bringing all worship expressions to one place illustrate the totality of consecration to God?
2. What does the variety of offerings (burnt, peace, vows, freewill, etc.) teach about appropriate worship responses to God?
3. How can Christians practice worship centralization (gathering for corporate worship) while maintaining daily personal devotion?

## Interlinear Text

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וְבָאתֶת מִ	שָׁמָה	עַל-תִּכְרֹת	וְזִבְחִיכָּת מִ	אַתָּה
And thither ye shall bring	H8033	your burnt offerings	and your sacrifices	H853
H935		H5930	H2077	
וְאֶת מַעֲשֵׂר תִּכְרֹת מִ	תְּרוּמָת תִּזְבְּחֶת מִ	יָדְךָ מִ	וְנַדְרִיכָּת מִ	
and your tithes	H853	and heave offerings	of your hand	and your vows
H4643		H8641	H3027	H5088
וְנִצְבֵּת תִּכְרֹת מִ	וְבָכֶר תִּזְבְּחֶת מִ	בְּקָרֶךָ מִ	אֶת-אֶנְךָמִ	
and your freewill offerings	H1062	and the firstlings	of your herds	and of your flocks
H5071		H1241	H6629	