

Deuteronomy 14:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose:

Analysis

Then shalt thou turn it into money (תָּמֹת, kesef, silver)—Converting produce to currency allowed distant Israelites to participate fully in centralized worship. This isn't compromise but wisdom: God cares about the heart's devotion, not the external form's rigidity. **Bind up the money in thine hand** pictures secure transport—God's people steward His gifts carefully.

Money represents stored labor—condensed time, energy, and creativity. Tithing money acknowledges God owns not just produce but the labor producing it. Paul echoes this: **What hast thou that thou didst not receive?** (1 Corinthians 4:7). Modern application is direct: whether paid in grain or salary, we tithe what God provides, recognizing Him as ultimate source.

Historical Context

The development of currency (standardized weights of precious metals) enabled economic complexity beyond barter. By allowing monetary tithes, God's law adapted to economic evolution while maintaining the principle: return to God a portion of what He's given.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 – Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does viewing money as 'stored labor' change your perspective on spending and giving?
2. What does God's practical provision (allowing monetary conversion) teach about His concern for your real-life circumstances?
3. In what ways do you 'bind up' (steward carefully) the resources God entrusts to you?

Interlinear Text

וְתַעֲמֹתֶה הַזְּבֹב	בְּסֶבֶב	וְצִרְתָּה	בְּסֶבֶב	בְּדַבֵּר
Then shalt thou turn	it into money	and bind up	it into money	in thine hand
H5414	H3701	H6696	H3701	H3027

וְלֹכֶת אֲלֹהִים רַבָּה וְאֶל יְהוָה הַיְהִי יְבֻמָּה
and shalt go H413 unto the place H834 shall choose H977 which the LORD H3068
H1986 H4725 H977 H3068