

# Numbers 15:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt bring for a drink offering half an hin of wine,  
for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

## Analysis

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**And thou shalt bring for a drink offering half an hin of wine** (נֶסֶק nesek, 'libation')—The wine offering, poured out at the altar's base, completed the sacrificial triad: flesh (animal), grain (bread of life), and wine (joy/celebration). Wine symbolized covenant fellowship and eschatological blessing (Isaiah 25:6).

This nesek was 'poured out' (same root as Isaiah 53:12, describing Messiah's self-sacrifice), foreshadowing Christ's blood 'poured out for many' (Mark 14:24). The half-hin ( $\approx 1.8$  liters) was substantial—true worship is generous, not calculating. The phrase **for a sweet savour unto the LORD** (רֵיחַ נִחוּחַ reach nichoach) indicates God's pleasure in obedient, costly worship.

## Historical Context

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Wine was a luxury in the ancient Near East, associated with celebration and abundance (Psalm 104:15). By including it in offerings, God invited worshipers to share their joy and prosperity with Him, acknowledging that all gladness is His gift.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the wine offering's symbolism of joy challenge the notion that authentic worship must be somber or severe?
2. In what ways does the 'pouring out' of wine prefigure both Christ's sacrifice and our call to be 'poured out' in service (Philippians 2:17)?
3. What does God's designation of obedient offerings as a 'sweet savour' reveal about His relational desire for our worship?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּין	תִּקַּח יָב	לֶךְ סֵךְ	חֲצִי	יֵין
of wine	And thou shalt bring	for a drink offering	half	an hin
H3196	H7126	H5262	H2677	H1969
אֲשֶׁה	רִיחַ	נִיחַ	לַיהוָה:	
for an offering made by fire	savour	of a sweet	unto the LORD	
H801	H7381	H5207	H3068	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 15:5** (Sacrifice): And the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink offering shalt thou prepare with the burnt offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.