

# Numbers 15:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.

## Analysis

---

**Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid** —The standardization formula ensures that worship follows divine prescription, not human innovation. Whether wealthy (bullock) or poor (lamb/kid), each worshiper followed the same proportional system, reflecting the truth that God 'is no respecter of persons' (Acts 10:34).

The phrase underscores the importance of careful obedience to God's revealed will. The Levitical system's precision taught Israel that approaching a holy God requires reverence for His instructions. Nadab and Abihu's 'strange fire' (Leviticus 10:1-2) demonstrated the deadly consequences of liturgical improvisation.

## Historical Context

---

In the ancient world, religious practices varied wildly by region, social class, and personal preference. Israel's uniform worship regulations were countercultural, emphasizing that Yahweh's holiness demanded prescribed (not invented) worship forms.

## Related Passages

---

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

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

---

1. How does the principle of prescribed worship challenge modern notions of 'authentic' or 'spontaneous' spiritual expression?
2. What parallels exist between Old Testament sacrificial precision and New Testament calls to worship 'in spirit and truth' (John 4:24)?
3. In what areas might we be tempted to substitute cultural preferences for biblical patterns in worship?

## Interlinear Text

---

כָּכֵה	יַעֲשֵׂה ה	לְשׁוֹר	הָאֶחָד ד	א ו	לֹא יל	הָאֶחָד ד	אֶחָד
H3602	Thus shall it be done	bullock	for one	H176	ram	for one	H176
	H6213	H7794	H259		H352	H259	
לֶשֶׁה	בְּכֶבֶשׂ ים	א ו	בְּעִזִּים:				
H7716	or for a lamb	H176	or a kid				
	H3532		H5795				

---

From KJV Study • [kjevstudy.org](http://kjevstudy.org)