

# Numbers 15:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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The drink offering of wine poured out before the Lord represents joy and celebration in worship. Wine symbolizes gladness and abundance throughout Scripture. Pouring it out as an offering teaches that our joy should be offered to God, not merely consumed for personal pleasure. The specific amount (quarter hin) demonstrates measured, intentional worship. The Reformed emphasis on joy in worship finds support here—we serve God gladly, not grudgingly.

## Historical Context

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Drink offerings were poured out at the base of the altar, creating a fragrant offering to the Lord. Wine was a valuable commodity, representing prosperity and blessing. Offering it to God demonstrated that all blessings come from Him and should be returned to His glory. The pouring out symbolized life poured out in devotion.

## Related Passages

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

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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

### Study Questions

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1. How does pouring out wine as an offering challenge us to offer our joy and celebration to God?
2. What does the drink offering teach about sacrificial worship that holds nothing back?
3. In what ways should Christian worship express both solemnity and joy?

### Interlinear Text

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וַיִּין	לֶן סֵךְ	רְבִיעֵ ית	הֵה ין	תַּעֲשֶׂה ה	עַל
of wine	for a drink offering	And the fourth	part of an hin	shalt thou prepare	H5921
H3196	H5262	H7243	H1969	H6213	
הָעֹלָה ה	א ו	לֶן בַּח	לֶךְ בֶּשֶׂה	הָאֶחָד:	
with the burnt offering	H176	or sacrifice	lamb	for one	
H5930		H2077	H3532	H259	

### Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 28:14** (Sacrifice): And their drink offerings shall be half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third part of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth part of an hin unto a lamb: this is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year.

**Numbers 28:7** (Sacrifice): And the drink offering thereof shall be the fourth part of an hin for the one lamb: in the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD for a drink offering.