

Numbers 27:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses brought their cause before the LORD.

Analysis

Moses brought their case 'before the LORD'—acknowledging that novel situations require divine wisdom. Rather than deciding based solely on tradition or personal judgment, he sought God's will. This demonstrates proper leadership: recognizing limits of human wisdom and deferring to divine instruction when facing new questions.

Historical Context

This wasn't the only time Moses brought hard cases before God (15:34, Leviticus 24:12). The pattern established that God's word must govern new situations, not merely precedent or human reasoning. Later Jewish tradition developed methods for extending Torah principles to new cases, rooted in this example.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do you seek God's wisdom for situations not explicitly addressed in Scripture?

2. What role does prayer play in your decision-making, especially for unprecedented situations?

Interlinear Text

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