

Numbers 28:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Analysis

The LORD's speaking to Moses about offerings establishes that worship regulations come through divine revelation, not human invention. The command to 'observe to offer' emphasizes both attention and action—God's people must carefully follow His prescribed worship. The phrase 'in their due season' teaches that worship has divine timing, not merely human convenience. The Reformed regulative principle of worship finds strong support here—we worship as, when, and how God commands, not according to personal preference or cultural accommodation.

Historical Context

These offering instructions came as Israel prepared to enter Canaan. The agricultural cycle of the promised land would provide the resources for these offerings—grain, oil, wine, and livestock. God prescribed worship that would be sustained by the land's abundance, connecting material blessing with spiritual devotion. Prosperity would fuel, not hinder, worship.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does receiving worship instructions before possessing the land demonstrate faith?
2. What does the timing requirement ('due season') teach about disciplined worship?
3. In what ways should material prosperity increase rather than decrease devotion to God?

Interlinear Text

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