

Numbers 28:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, and my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, for a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.

Analysis

God commands Israel to observe 'my offering, and my bread for my sacrifices made by fire' at their appointed seasons. The Hebrew 'qorban' (offering) and 'lechem' (bread) emphasize that sacrifices are God's food - anthropomorphic language showing God delights in His people's worship, not that He needs sustenance. The phrase 'sweet savour' (reiach nichoach) appears throughout, meaning a soothing aroma pleasing to God. These offerings foreshadow Christ, the true Bread from heaven (John 6:35) who offered Himself as a fragrant offering to God (Eph 5:2).

Historical Context

Given near the end of Israel's wilderness wanderings as they prepared to enter Canaan, these instructions ensure worship continuity in the Promised Land. The detailed regulations (daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly offerings) would structure Israel's entire calendar around worship, making every day, week, and season point to God's provision and their dependence on Him.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Genesis 1:1 – Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How can you structure your daily and weekly rhythms to make worship central rather than peripheral?
2. In what ways does your life become a 'sweet savour' - a pleasing aroma - to God through Christ?

Interlinear Text

אַת	אָתָּה	בְּנִי	יִשְׁרָאֵל	וְאֶמְרָת	אֶלָּכָם	אַת
Command	H853	the children	of Israel	and say	H413	H853
H6680		H1121	H3478	H559		
unto them	My offering	and my bread	for my sacrifices made by fire	to savour		
H7133		H3899	H801	H7381		
for a sweet	unto me shall ye observe	to offer	H0	unto me in their due season		
H5207	H8104	H7126		H4150		

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 3:11 (Creation): And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Genesis 8:21 (Parallel theme): And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

