

Numbers 28:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, for a continual burnt offering.

Analysis

God commands: 'This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, for a continual burnt offering.' The daily sacrifice - one lamb morning, one evening (v.4) - maintained perpetual worship. The Hebrew 'tamid' (continual/regular) emphasizes unceasing devotion. The spotless lambs typified Christ, the Lamb without blemish (1 Pet 1:19). The twice-daily pattern established rhythm of worship bookending each day - beginning and ending in God's presence. This foreshadows believers' continual access to God through Christ's once-for-all sacrifice (Heb 10:10-14) and need for daily devotion (morning and evening prayer/worship).

Historical Context

This daily sacrifice continued from tabernacle through both temples until 70 AD destruction. The morning sacrifice occurred about 9 AM, evening about 3 PM - the hours Jesus was crucified and died, showing Christ's death fulfilling this typology. Each lamb was accompanied by grain offering and drink offering (v.5-8), making a complete meal offered to God - symbolizing full dedication. The expense of providing two perfect lambs daily showed worship's priority and cost. Post-70 AD, Judaism replaced physical sacrifices with prayers at these hours. Christians see fulfillment in Christ whose one sacrifice replaced daily offerings, though we maintain principle of regular daily worship.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 – Characteristics of love

Romans 2:1 – Judging others

Revelation 20:12 – Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. Do you maintain daily rhythm of worship, beginning and ending days in God's presence?
2. How does Christ as the spotless Lamb fulfilling daily sacrifices deepen your worship and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

וְאַמְרָתָךְ	לְפָנָיהם	זֶה	בְּאַשׁ	הַקְרֵב	
And thou shalt say	H0	H2088	unto them This is the offering made by fire		
	H559			H801	
שָׁנָה בְּנֵי אֶשְׁר	לִיהְיוֹן הַקְרֵב יְבוּמָה כְּבָשָׂים	לִיהְיוֹן הַקְרֵב יְבוּמָה כְּבָשָׂים	בְּנֵי אֶשְׁר	שָׁנָה בְּנֵי אֶשְׁר	
H834	which ye shall offer	unto the LORD	lambs	of the first	year
H7126		H3068	H3532	H1121	H8141
מִתְמִימָה עַל הַיּוֹם שָׁנָה יְמִינָה	מִתְמִימָה עַל הַיּוֹם שָׁנָה יְמִינָה	מִתְמִימָה עַל הַיּוֹם שָׁנָה יְמִינָה			
without spot	two	day by day	burnt offering	for a continual	
H8549	H8147	H3117	H5930	H8548	

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 6:9 (Sacrifice): Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it.

