

Numbers 28:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye shall offer them beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, (they shall be unto you without blemish) and their drink offerings.

Analysis

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—The phrase **beside the continual burnt offering** (עַל־תְּמִיד מִלְּבַד milevad olat hatamid, apart from/in addition to the regular burnt offering) establishes that festival sacrifices supplemented rather than replaced daily tamid offerings (morning and evening lambs, Exodus 29:38-42). The parenthetical requirement—**without blemish** (יְהִיוּ־לָכֶם תְּמִימִם temimim yihyu-lakhem, they shall be perfect to you)—underscores that special occasions don't excuse inferior sacrifices.

This cumulative worship pattern (daily offerings + weekly Sabbath + monthly new moon + annual festivals) created rhythm of escalating celebration alongside consistent baseline devotion. The New Testament similarly calls believers to ongoing spiritual disciplines (prayer, Scripture, fellowship) supplemented by special celebrations (baptisms, communion, corporate gatherings). Extraordinary experiences don't substitute for daily faithfulness.

Historical Context

The continual burnt offering (tamid) twice daily (morning/evening) provided baseline worship maintaining perpetual fire on the altar (Leviticus 6:12-13). Festival additions created layered worship—daily tamid + Sabbath lambs + new

moon bulls + festival-specific offerings—demonstrating escalating celebration without abandoning foundational rhythms.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does the requirement to maintain daily offerings alongside festival sacrifices challenge 'event-driven' spirituality neglecting daily disciplines?
2. What does the 'without blemish' requirement (even for supplementary offerings) teach about maintaining excellence in worship regardless of occasion?
3. How can you structure spiritual life with both baseline daily rhythms and supplementary seasons of intensified devotion?

Interlinear Text

מִלֶּבֶד דַּ	עַל־ת	הַתָּמִיד	וּמִנְחָתוֹ
H905	burnt offering	them beside the continual	and his meat offering
	H5930	H8548	H4503
וְתַעֲשֶׂהוּ	וְהָיָה לְךָ	וְהָיָה לְךָ	וְהָיָה לְךָ
Ye shall offer	they shall be unto you without blemish	H1961	H0
H6213	H8549		
וְנִסְכֵּיהֶם:			
and their drink offerings			
H5262			

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 28:19 (Sacrifice): But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year: they shall be unto you without blemish:

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