

Numbers 28:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof:

Analysis

The Sabbath offering doubled the daily sacrifice, adding two extra lambs to emphasize the Sabbath's special sanctity. This demonstrates that the Sabbath wasn't merely rest from work but rest unto worship - a day of increased devotion, not decreased activity in God's service. The Hebrew 'Shabbat' means cessation, yet worship intensifies. This pattern continues in the New Testament church (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor 16:2), where the Lord's Day involves gathering for concentrated worship. The doubled offering shows that true rest includes amplified focus on God.

Historical Context

This command ensured that Israel's seventh day was distinctly marked by enhanced worship, not just abstinence from labor. Archaeological evidence from later periods shows synagogue gatherings on Sabbath involved extensive Scripture reading and teaching, fulfilling this principle of intensified devotion. The requirement predates the temple period, showing Sabbath worship was essential from the wilderness onward.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Does your weekly day of worship involve more or less devotion to God than ordinary days?
2. How can you make the Lord's Day a time of intensified worship rather than merely a break from work?

Interlinear Text

תָּמִימָם	מִ	שָׁנָה	בְּנֵי	בָּנִי	שָׁנָה	תָּמִימָם	וְבַיּוֹם
day	And on the sabbath	and two	כָּבֵשׂ יָמִים	וְשָׁנִים	לָמְבָד	of the first	year
H3117	H7676	H8147	H3532	H1121	H8141	H8549	without spot
and two	tenth	deals of flour	ס. לְת	עֲשָׂרֶנִים	מִנְתָּה	בְּשָׂלֵל הַ	בְּשָׂלֵל הַ
H8147	H6241	H5560	H4503	H1101	H8081	mingled	with oil
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and the drink offering							
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 58:13 (Parallel theme): If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: