

# 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

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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

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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

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**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

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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

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וּבְיוֹם	הַשַּׁבָּת	וּשְׁנֵי	כֶבֶשׂ	בְּנֵי	שָׁנָה	תְּמִימִם
day	And on the sabbath	and two	lambs	of the first	year	without spot
H3117	H7676	H8147	H3532	H1121	H8141	H8549

וּשְׁנֵי	עֶשְׂרֵן	סֵלָה	מִנְחָה	בְּלוּלָה	בֶּשֶׂל
and two	tenth	deals of flour	for a meat offering	mingled	with oil
H8147	H6241	H5560	H4503	H1101	H8081

וְנִסְכָּהּ:

and the drink offering

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## Additional Cross-References

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**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: