

Numbers 29:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

Analysis

According to their number, after the manner—The precise repetition of this phrase (also vv. 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 37) emphasizes covenantal fidelity. The Hebrew k'mishpatam (כַּמִּשְׁפָּטָם) means "according to the legal requirement," stressing that acceptable worship adheres to revealed standards, not human innovation.

This ritualized repetition teaches that true devotion combines heart and obedience. The prophets later condemned sacrifices offered with wrong hearts (Isaiah 1:11-17), but never suggested abandoning God's prescribed forms. Jesus himself fulfilled, not abolished, the Law (Matthew 5:17).

Historical Context

The detailed regulations cross-referenced Numbers 15:1-12, where specific amounts of flour, oil, and wine were prescribed based on whether the animal was a lamb, ram, or bull. This created a complex but consistent system requiring priestly expertise to administer properly across all twelve tribes.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. In what ways might you be tempted to substitute sincerity for obedience to God's revealed will?
2. How does the repetitive nature of these commands challenge the cultural preference for novelty in worship?
3. What does the detailed specificity of biblical worship teach about God's character and how He desires to be approached?

Interlinear Text

וּמִנְחָתָם	וְנִסְיָהֶם	לִפְרִים	לְאֵילִם
And their meat offering	and their drink offerings	for the bullocks	for the rams
H4503	H5262	H6499	H352
וּלְכֶבֶשׂ יִם	בְּמִסְפָּרָם	כַּמִּשְׁפָּט:	
and for the lambs	shall be according to their number	after the manner	
H3532	H4557	H4941	

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