

# Numbers 29:39

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

These things ye shall do unto the LORD in your set feasts, beside your vows, and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your meat offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.

## Analysis

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God concludes: 'These things ye shall do unto the LORD in your set feasts, beside your vows, and your freewill offerings.' This verse distinguishes between commanded offerings (set feasts) and voluntary offerings (vows and freewill). The Hebrew 'mo'ed' (appointed times/set feasts) indicates divinely-scheduled worship, while 'nedabah' (freewill offerings) expresses spontaneous devotion. Both are necessary - obedience to commanded worship and voluntary expressions from grateful hearts. This balance continues in Christian life: regular corporate worship (Heb 10:25) and spontaneous praise and giving. God values both faithful obedience to His prescribed worship and heartfelt voluntary offerings exceeding minimum requirements.

## Historical Context

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This conclusion to the festival calendar (ch 28-29) summarized annual worship rhythm: daily sacrifices, Sabbath additions, monthly new moons, and seven annual feasts (Passover/Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles, Eighth Day Assembly). The phrase 'beside your vows and freewill offerings' acknowledged these were minimums; individuals could and should exceed them through voluntary devotion. The system created worship structure while encouraging personal expression. After 70 AD, without temple sacrifices,

Judaism developed synagogue liturgy and prayers replacing physical offerings. Christians see fulfillment in Christ's sacrifice ending the ceremonial system while maintaining principles of regular commanded worship plus voluntary service and giving.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. Do you balance faithful participation in regular corporate worship with spontaneous personal expressions of devotion to God?
2. How can you move beyond viewing church attendance as obligation to adding joyful freewill offerings of time, talent, and treasure?

## Interlinear Text

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לְבָד בְּמַזְעָדֵיכֶם מִקְרָא לְהַלְלָה תְּעַשׂ וְלִיהְיוֹן הַלְלָה בְּמַעַשְׁךָ מִתְעַשֵּׂה אֶלָּא וְלִיהְיוֹן הַלְלָה בְּמַעַשְׁךָ מִתְעַשֵּׂה אֶלָּא

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לְעַלְתִּיכֶם מִקְרָא מִקְדָּשֵׁיכֶם וְלִנְדְּבָתִיכֶם וְלִנְדְּבָתִיכֶם  
beside your vows and your freewill offerings for your burnt offerings H5088 H5071 H5930

וְלִמְנְחָה מִיכֶם וְלִנְסְפִיכֶם וְלִשְׁלְמִיכֶם:  
and for your meat offerings and for your drink offerings and for your peace offerings H4503 H5262 H8002

## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 23:2** (References Lord): Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

**1 Chronicles 23:31** (Sacrifice): And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD:

**2 Chronicles 31:3** (Sacrifice): He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the LORD.

**Isaiah 1:14** (Parallel theme): Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

**Nehemiah 10:33** (Sacrifice): For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

**Leviticus 7:11** (Sacrifice): And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD.

**Ezra 3:5** (Sacrifice): And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD.