

Numbers 29:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil,
three tenth deals to a bullock, and two tenth deals to one ram,

Analysis

Their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil (מִנְחָתָם סָלֵת בְּלֹא בְשָׂמֵן) —The minchah accompanied burnt offerings, symbolizing daily bread consecrated to God. Fine flour (solet) represented refinement, while oil (shemen) symbolized the Holy Spirit's anointing.

Three tenth deals (three esronim, each roughly 2 quarts) for the bullock, two for the ram—the graduated amounts reflected each animal's size and value. This grain offering sustained the priests (Leviticus 6:14-18) while teaching that material provision comes from God's hand.

Historical Context

Grain offerings date to Cain and Abel (Genesis 4) but were codified in Leviticus 2. Mingled with oil, never honey or leaven, they embodied purity. The specific measurements ensured uniformity in worship and equitable distribution among Aaronic priests who had no land inheritance.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does the grain offering's accompaniment to blood sacrifice illustrate that justification and sanctification are inseparable?
2. What does the prohibition of leaven in grain offerings teach about the incompatibility of sin with worship?

Interlinear Text

וְמִנְקָטָה	מ	שְׁלַשׁ	ה	בְּשֵׁשׁ	מִן	בְּלֹל	ה	ס	לְתָ
And their meat offering		shall be of flour		mingled		with oil		three	
H4503		H5560		H1101		H8081		H7969	
יָמִן	יְמִן	שְׁנִי	שְׁנִי	עַשְׂרֵנִים	עַשְׂרֵנִים	יָמִן	יְמִן	יָמִן	יְמִן
tenth deals	to a bullock	and two	tenth deals	ram	to one				
H6241	H6499	H8147	H6241	H352	H259				

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