

# Numbers 4:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

## Analysis

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The repeated age requirement emphasizes the consistency of God's standards. Whether Kohathite, Gershonite, or Merarite, the same qualification applied—thirty to fifty years old. God's impartiality in establishing service requirements demonstrates that His standards are based on principle, not favoritism. The Reformed doctrine of God's justice is reflected here—He judges and calls according to righteousness, not personal preference.

## Historical Context

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This consistent age requirement across all Levitical clans ensured uniform maturity and capability in those serving the tabernacle. It prevented both the rashness of youth and the frailty of old age from compromising the careful handling of sacred objects.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's consistent standard for service challenge modern tendencies toward age discrimination?
2. What principles should guide the church in establishing qualifications for various ministries?
3. In what ways does impartial application of standards reflect God's character?

## Interlinear Text

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| בֶּן              | שְׁלֹשׁ יָמִים | שָׁנָה ה                     | וְעַד               | וְעַלֶּה  | בֶּן  | חֲמִשָּׁן יָמִים | שָׁנָה ה |
| old               | From thirty    | years                        | and upward          | H5704     | old   | even unto fifty  | years    |
| H1121             | H7970          | H8141                        | H4605               |           | H1121 | H2572            | H8141    |
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| תִּפְקֹדֶם        | כָּל           | הַבָּא                       | לַעֲבֹד א           | לַעֲבֹד ד |       |                  |          |
| shalt thou number | H3605          | them every one that entereth | into the service    | to do     |       |                  |          |
| H6485             |                | H935                         | H6635               | H5647     |       |                  |          |
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| אֶת               | עֲבֹדֶיךָ      | אֵל הַ                       | מוֹעֵד:             |           |       |                  |          |
| H853              | the work       | of the tabernacle            | of the congregation |           |       |                  |          |
|                   | H5656          | H168                         | H4150               |           |       |                  |          |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 4:23** (Temple): From thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

**Numbers 4:3** (Temple): From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.