

Numbers 6:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

Analysis

The requirement of 'two turtles, or two young pigeons' for purification shows God's gracious accommodation. These were the poorest acceptable offerings (Leviticus 5:7), allowing even impoverished Nazirites to complete purification. This demonstrates that God's provision enables obedience—He commands nothing impossible (1 Corinthians 10:13). The double offering may signify completeness of cleansing. This grace-infused law foreshadows the gospel principle that God provides what He requires, ultimately supplying Christ as both requirement and provision.

Historical Context

Turtledoves and pigeons were the offerings Mary and Joseph brought at Jesus' presentation (Luke 2:24), indicating their poverty. These birds were abundant in Palestine and affordable for the poor, ensuring that ritual purity remained accessible regardless of economic status. God's law did not price the poor out of holiness.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's accommodation for the poor in worship challenge economic barriers in churches today?
2. What does it mean that God provides what He requires for obedience?
3. How is Christ both God's requirement for us and God's provision to us?

Interlinear Text

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day	And on the eighth		he shall bring		or two		turtles		H176	or two		young		
H3117		H8066		H935		H8147		H176		H8147		H1121		
pigeons		to the priest		H413		to the door		of the tabernacle		of the congregation				
H3123			H3548			H6607		H168		H4150				

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 15:29 (Temple): And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Leviticus 1:14 (Parallel theme): And if the burnt sacrifice for his offering to the LORD be of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves, or of young pigeons.

Leviticus 15:14 (Temple): And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest: