

# 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

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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

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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

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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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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וּבַיּוֹם	הַשְּׁמִינִי	יָבֵא	שְׁנֵי	תְּרֵי	אֵל	שְׁנֵי	בָנִי
day	And on the eighth	he shall bring	or two	turtles	H176	or two	young
H3117	H8066	H935	H8147	H8449		H8147	H1121
וְיָבֵא	אֵל	הַכֹּהֵן	אֵל	פֶּתַח	אֶל	מִוֶּעֶד:	
pigeons	H413	to the priest	H413	to the door	of the tabernacle	of the congregation	
H3123		H3548		H6607	H168	H4150	

## Additional Cross-References

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**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: