

Numbers 6:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings.

Analysis

The basket of unleavened bread for the Nazirite offering represents purity and dedication. Leaven symbolizes sin throughout Scripture, so unleavened bread indicates sincerity and consecration. The cakes mixed with oil and wafers anointed with oil both point to the Holy Spirit's presence and enabling power. The variety of offerings—peace offerings alongside the unleavened bread—demonstrates that the Nazirite's vow culminates in fellowship with God. The Reformed understanding of sanctification is reflected here—separation from sin for the purpose of communion with God.

Historical Context

The Nazirite vow was voluntary, undertaken for a set period, representing special dedication to God. At the vow's completion, these offerings celebrated the faithful completion of the consecrated period and marked the return to normal life while commemorating the season of special devotion.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do the unleavened bread and anointing oil together symbolize Spirit-empowered holiness?
2. What does the completion offering teach about finishing well in our commitments to God?
3. In what ways do voluntary seasons of special dedication enhance normal Christian discipleship?

Interlinear Text

וְסֵל	מֵצוֹת	סֵלֶת	חֲלָת	בָּלֹלִית	בֶּשֶׁלֶם
And a basket	of unleavened bread	of fine flour	cakes	mingled	with oil
H5536	H4682	H5560	H2471	H1101	H8081
וּרְקִיקֵי	מֵצוֹת	מְשֻׁחִים	בֶּשֶׁלֶם	וּמִנְחָתָם	
and wafers	of unleavened bread	anointed	with oil	and their meat offering	
H7550	H4682	H4886	H8081	H4503	
וּנְסִיכָם:					
and their drink offerings					
H5262					

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 29:2 (Parallel theme): And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of wheaten flour shalt thou make them.

Leviticus 2:4 (Sacrifice): And if thou bring an oblation of a meat offering baken in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

Numbers 15:10 (Sacrifice): And thou shalt bring for a drink offering half an hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

