

Numbers 6:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the priest shall bring them before the LORD, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering:

Analysis

The priest's presentation of the sin offering and burnt offering on the Nazirite's behalf demonstrates that even dedicated, consecrated service requires atonement. The Nazirite, though specially devoted to God, was still a sinner needing sacrifice. The sin offering dealt with defilement, while the burnt offering expressed total dedication. This order—sin addressed first, then dedication—reflects the gospel pattern. The Reformed doctrine of total depravity applies even to the most devoted—all need atonement through sacrifice.

Historical Context

The order of sacrifices followed the standard pattern: sin offering to cleanse, burnt offering to dedicate, then peace offering for fellowship. Even the Nazirite's holy living did not make him acceptable apart from blood atonement. The priest's mediating role prefigured Christ's greater priesthood.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does the Nazirite's need for sin offering teach about human inability to achieve righteousness through devotion?
2. How does the order of offerings—cleansing before dedication—illustrate the gospel pattern?
3. In what ways does the priest's mediating role point forward to Christ's superior priesthood?

Interlinear Text

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