

Numbers 6:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat offering, and his drink offering.

Analysis

The ram as peace offering, accompanied by the basket of unleavened bread, completes the Nazirite's consecration ritual. Peace offerings were eaten by the offerer in fellowship with God and the priests, symbolizing restored relationship and covenant communion. The accompanying grain offering and drink offering rounded out the sacrifice, representing the fullness of dedication—animals, grain, and wine all offered to God. This comprehensive offering teaches that God deserves the firstfruits of all we produce, not merely token gestures.

Historical Context

Peace offerings were unique in that the offerer ate portions along with the priests, making them fellowship meals in God's presence. The Nazirite's completion of his vow was thus celebrated as a feast, marking the successful fulfillment of special consecration and return to normal life.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the fellowship aspect of the peace offering enrich our understanding of communion with God?
2. What does offering grain, wine, and meat together teach about comprehensive dedication to God?
3. In what ways do special seasons of consecration inform and enhance ongoing Christian living?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת	בָּאֵל	וְעַשְׂה	בְּחִזְקָה	שְׁלָמִים	לִיהְיוֹן הַ
H853	the ram	And he shall offer	for a sacrifice	of peace offerings	unto the LORD
H352		H6213	H2077	H8002	H3068
וְעַל	בָּסָל	הַפְּעַז וְתָ	וְעַשְׂה	בְּכֶתֶת	וְאֵת
H5921	with the basket	of unleavened bread	And he shall offer	the priest	H853
H5536		H4682	H6213	H3548	
מְנִיחָת וְ	וְאֵת	גְּסִיקָה:			
also his meat offering	H853	and his drink offering			
H4503		H5262			

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