

Numbers 7:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And his offering was one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

Analysis

The detailed inventory of Nahshon's offering—silver charger and bowl with specific weights, golden spoon filled with incense—demonstrates that worship of God deserves our finest resources. The weights indicated substantial value; these were not token gifts but costly sacrifices. The combination of silver (redemption), gold (deity/purity), and incense (prayer) represents comprehensive worship. The Reformed principle of giving God our best, not our leftovers, is powerfully illustrated in this specific, costly offering.

Historical Context

A silver charger was a large dish, likely used for presenting the grain offering. The bowl held the blood for sprinkling. The golden spoon contained fragrant incense that would be burned on the altar. Each item had both practical function and symbolic significance, combining beauty with utility in worship.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does the costly nature of the offerings challenge our tendency toward cheap grace and minimal giving?
2. What does the combination of silver, gold, and incense teach about comprehensive worship engaging all we have?
3. In what ways should our best resources be dedicated to God's glory rather than personal comfort?

Interlinear Text

| | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| וְקָרְבָּנוֹ And his offering H7133 | קַעֲבֹת charger H7086 | כֶּסֶף silver H3701 | אֶחָד shekels one H259 | שְׁלֹשִׁים and thirty H7970 | וּמֵאָה thereof was an hundred H3967 |
| מִשְׁקָלָהּ the weight H4948 | מִזְבֵּחַ bowl H4219 | אֶחָד shekels one H259 | כֶּסֶף silver H3701 | שִׁבְעִים of seventy H7657 | בְּשֵׁקֶל after the shekel H8255 |
| בְּשֵׁקֶל after the shekel H8255 | הַקֹּדֶשׁ of the sanctuary H6944 | שְׁנֵיהֶם both H8147 | מְלֵאִים of them were full H4392 | סֵלֶת of fine flour H5560 | |
| הַמִּזְבֵּחַ mingled H1101 | בְּשֵׁן with oil H8081 | לְמִנְחָה for a meat offering H4503 | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 30:13 (Sacrifice): This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) an half shekel shall be the offering of the LORD.

Exodus 37:16 (Parallel theme): And he made the vessels which were upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers to cover withal, of pure gold.

Exodus 25:29 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them.

Leviticus 2:1 (Sacrifice): And when any will offer a meat offering unto the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon:

From KJV Study • kjevstudy.org