

# 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

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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

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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

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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 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

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וְמִמְּאָה	שְׁלֵשׁ	ימָם	אֶפְתָּחָה	כָּבֵד	קְרַבְתָּה	וְקָרְבָּן	וְ	וְ
And his offering	charger	silver	shekels one	and thirty	thereof was an hundred			
H7133	H7086	H3701	H259	H7970	H3967			
the weight	bowl	shekels one	silver	of seventy	after the shekel			
H4948	H4219	H259	H3701	H7657	H8255			
בְּשֶׁל	בְּשֶׁל	בְּשֶׁל	בְּשֶׁל	בְּשֶׁל	בְּשֶׁל	בְּשֶׁל	בְּשֶׁל	בְּשֶׁל
after the shekel	of the sanctuary	both	of them were full	of fine flour				
H8255	H6944	H8147	H4392	H5560				
לְמִנְחָה:	בְּשֶׁל	מְן	בְּלֹל	ה				
mingled	with oil	for a meat offering						
H1101	H8081	H4503						

## Additional Cross-References

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**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:

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