

Numbers 7:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

The repeated inventory—silver charger, silver bowl, golden spoon with specified weights—emphasizes that God's prescription for worship doesn't change based on who is offering. The same standard applies to prince and pauper, first tribe and last. This consistency reflects God's immutable character—He doesn't change His standards based on circumstances. The Reformed doctrine of God's immutability is foundational here—His character, requirements, and promises remain constant across time and circumstance.

Historical Context

The unchanging pattern of offerings throughout twelve days reinforced that worship is based on divine revelation, not human preference. Each tribal leader knew exactly what to bring because God had prescribed it. This removed ambiguity and prevented competition or innovation in worship.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God's unchanging standard for worship provide both clarity and security for worshipers?
2. What dangers arise when worship standards shift according to culture or personal preference?
3. In what ways does God's immutability inform our confidence in His promises?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיָה His offering H7133	קַעֲבֹת charger H7086	כֶּסֶף silver H3701	אֶחָד shekels one H259	שְׁלֹשִׁים and thirty H7970	וּמֵאָה whereof 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 full H4392	סֵלֶת of fine flour H5560	בְּלוּלָה mingled H1101
בְּשֵׁן with oil H8081	לְמִנְחָה: for a meat offering H4503				