

Numbers 7:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:

Analysis

The golden spoon full of incense represents the fullness and richness of prayer that should characterize God's people. Not a pinch, but full—wholehearted, abundant prayer. The gold vessel reminds us that prayer is precious to God, not a burden or obligation but a privilege. The Reformed tradition's emphasis on regular prayer finds support here—prayer should be continuous, full, and valued, not sporadic and perfunctory.

Historical Context

The incense offering was performed twice daily—morning and evening—creating a rhythm of prayer throughout the day. The priest's role in offering incense symbolized mediation between God and people. When the people saw incense smoke rising, they prayed, connecting their hearts with the ascending prayer.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What does a 'full' prayer life look like in contemporary Christian practice?

2. How does viewing prayer as precious rather than dutiful transform our approach to it?
3. In what ways does Christ's continual intercession for us motivate our own prayer lives?

Interlinear Text

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spoon	One	of ten	golden	shekels full	of incense
H3709	H259	H6235	H2091	H4392	H7004

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