

Numbers 7:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

Analysis

The burnt offering animals—young bullock, ram, lamb—each represent different aspects of dedication. The young bullock in its prime strength, the ram in its mature leadership, and the lamb in its innocent submission together picture comprehensive consecration. These three together prefigure Christ who brought strength, leadership, and innocent submission to His sacrifice. The Reformed understanding of Christ's person and work encompasses all these attributes—strength to endure, authority to command, and willingness to submit.

Historical Context

The selection of animals without blemish required careful examination. The offerers couldn't bring sick or defective animals; only the best were acceptable to God. This careful selection emphasized that worship required both the best we have and divine acceptance of our offerings.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Which aspect of Christ's sacrifice—strength, leadership, or submission—do you find most compelling?
2. How does offering our best to God challenge cultural tendencies toward convenience and minimalism?
3. In what ways does comprehensive dedication affect daily choices and priorities?

Interlinear Text

פָּר	אֶחָד	בֶּן	בָּקָר	אֶל	אֶחָד	כֶּבֶשׂ	אֶחָד
bullock	One	of the first	young	ram	One	lamb	One
H6499	H259	H1121	H1241	H352	H259	H3532	H259
בֶּן	שָׁנָה	לְעֹלָה:					
of the first	year	for a burnt offering					
H1121	H8141	H5930					

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