

Numbers 7:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

Analysis

The sin offering kid of the goats addresses sin even in the context of joyful dedication. Celebration doesn't eliminate the need for atonement; rather, atonement makes celebration possible. This ordering—sin addressed before fellowship enjoyed—establishes the gospel pattern. We cannot feast with God until sin is dealt with through sacrifice. The Reformed *ordo salutis* (order of salvation) is prefigured—justification precedes sanctification, atonement precedes adoption.

Historical Context

The sin offering's blood was essential for approaching God. Without it, the other offerings would be unacceptable because unforgiven sin creates a barrier between God and humanity. The consistent placement of the sin offering in the sequence taught Israel that access to God always requires atonement.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Why must confession of sin and reception of forgiveness precede worship and service?
2. How does understanding the order of salvation prevent works-righteousness?
3. In what ways does the necessity of blood atonement challenge modern therapeutic approaches to guilt?

Interlinear Text

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