

Numbers 7:33

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—bullock, ram, lamb—wholly consumed by fire represent total dedication without reservation. Nothing held back, nothing preserved for personal use. This complete offering prefigures Christ who gave Himself entirely for our redemption, holding nothing back, not even His life. The Reformed doctrine of Christ's complete satisfaction for sin is illustrated—His sacrifice was total, sufficient, and efficacious. Nothing needs to be added to what He accomplished.

Historical Context

The burnt offering fire burned continually on the altar, never allowed to go out. Adding these offerings maintained and increased the flame, symbolizing the continual dedication of God's people. The priests' responsibility to maintain the fire taught that devotion requires constant attention and fuel.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does total dedication to God look like in daily Christian living?
2. How does Christ's complete sacrifice free us from attempting to add to His finished work?
3. In what ways does the continual burning of the altar fire inform our understanding of ongoing sanctification?

Interlinear Text

אַתָּה תִּשְׁלַח אֶת־בָּנֶךְ רֵאשִׁית־בָּנֶיךְ אֶל־בָּקָר אֶת־בָּקָר

bullock **One** **of the first** **young** **ram** **One** **lamb** **One**

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לְעַלְתָּה שְׁנִית בְּנֵי־

of the first **year** **for a burnt offering**

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