

Numbers 7:37

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 inventory continues with meticulous detail—silver charger, bowl, golden spoon—demonstrating that God values precision in worship. Every offering matters, every detail counts. This precision reflects God's character as one who sees and values every act of devotion, no matter how repetitive it might seem to human eyes. The Reformed understanding that God ordains not only ends but means is relevant—how we worship matters as much as that we worship.

Historical Context

The repetition of identical offerings day after day created liturgical rhythm and established pattern. Future generations would read this account and understand that their ancestors worshiped with consistency, devotion, and precision. The detailed recording honors both the givers and the God who received their gifts.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does attention to detail in worship challenge casual or careless approaches to gathering?
2. What does God's recording of every offering teach about His attentiveness to our devotion?
3. In what ways should precision in worship balance with heartfelt spontaneity?

Interlinear Text

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| וְמִאָה | שָׁלַשׁ | יָם | אֶפְךָד | כָּסֶף | קְרַבָּן | קְרַבָּת | כָּעֵרֶת | קְרַבָּן | וְ | His offering | charger | silver | shekels one | and thirty | whereof was an hundred |
| H7133 | H7086 | H3701 | H259 | H3701 | H7970 | | | | | | | | | | H3967 |
| מִשְׁקָלָה | שְׁבַע | יָם | אֶפְךָד | כָּסֶף | מִזְבֵּחַ | בָּשָׂל | בָּשָׂל | בָּשָׂל | | the weight | bowl | shekels one | silver | of seventy | after the shekel |
| H4948 | H4219 | H259 | H3701 | H7657 | H8255 | | | | | | | | | | |
| בָּשָׂל | סְלָת | הַלְוִיל | מְלָא | שְׁנִיָּה | מִזְבֵּחַ | בָּשָׂל | בָּשָׂל | בָּשָׂל | | after the shekel | of the sanctuary | both | of them full | of fine flour | mingled |
| H8255 | H6944 | H8147 | H4392 | H5560 | H1101 | | | | | | | | | | |
| בָּשָׂל | לְמַנְחָה | | | | | | | | | with oil | for a meat offering | | | | |
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