

Numbers 7:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Analysis

The Lord's speech to Moses establishes that all offerings must be received according to divine direction, not human preference. God would determine how the wagons and oxen were distributed. This teaches that even generous gifts must be stewarded according to God's wisdom. The phrase 'of them' emphasizes acceptance—God receives what is offered in faith. The Reformed principle of divine sovereignty applies even to the administration of gifts; the giver offers, but God directs the use.

Historical Context

Moses' role as mediator extended to receiving offerings on God's behalf and distributing them according to divine instruction. This prevented favoritism or human wisdom from determining allocation. God's sovereignty in distribution ensured that needs, not preferences, guided the gifts' use.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How should church leadership handle generous gifts to ensure they're used according to God's priorities?
2. What does God's direction of gift distribution teach about stewardship of resources?
3. In what ways does submitting our giving to divine guidance prevent both pride and improper allocation?

Interlinear Text

לֵאמֹר: מֵשֶׁה אֶל יְהוָה הָיָה לֵאמֹר:

λέγει	καὶ οὐκ εἶπεν	εἰπεν	εἶπεν	εἶπεν
saying	And the LORD	H413	unto Moses	saying
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