

Numbers 7:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

His offering was one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty shekels, a 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 silver charger and bowl with specified weights continue the pattern of precise, prescribed worship. The consistency across offerings demonstrates that God's standard doesn't shift based on who is worshipping or when. This immutability of divine expectation provides both clarity and security—we know what God requires and can be confident that His acceptance doesn't depend on our performance but on meeting His revealed standard through grace. Christ perfectly fulfilled these standards on our behalf.

Historical Context

The sanctuary shekel was the official standard weight, ensuring fairness and preventing fraud. Using this standardized measure meant offerings could be compared and verified. The precision prevented disputes and ensured that wealth differences didn't create worship inequality—all brought the same amount.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does knowing God's standards are unchanging provide confidence in worship?
2. What does standardized expectation teach about equality before God?
3. In what ways does Christ's perfect fulfillment of God's standards free us from performance anxiety?

Interlinear Text

וּמֵאָה	שְׁלֹשִׁים יָמִים	אֶחָד	כֶּסֶף	קַעֲכֵת	קִרְבָּנוֹ
of an hundred	and thirty	was one	shekels a silver	charger	His offering
H3967	H7970	H259	H3701	H7086	H7133
בֶּשֶׁל קֵל	שִׁבְעִים יָמִים	כֶּסֶף	אֶחָד	מִזְבֵּחַ קֶ	מִשְׁקָלָהּ
after the shekel	of seventy	shekels a silver	was one	bowl	of the weight
H8255	H7657	H3701	H259	H4219	H4948
בָּלוּלָהּ	סֵלֶת	מְלֵא יָמִים	שְׁנֵיהֶם	הַקֵּן דָּשׁ	בֶּשֶׁל קֵל
mingled	of fine flour	of them full	both	of the sanctuary	after the shekel
H1101	H5560	H4392	H8147	H6944	H8255
לְמִנְחָה:	בֶּשֶׁל מֶן				
for a meat offering	with oil				
H4503	H8081				

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 14:10 (Sacrifice): And on the eighth day he shall take two he lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil.

Leviticus 2:5 (Sacrifice): And if thy oblation be a meat offering baken in a pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil.

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