

“Being His People Looks Like...Part 1”

Numbers Chapter 28

The Next Generation being raised up can find itself feeling a bit disconnected with the prior generation's tradition and discipline.

- The reason forgotten -Lack of Instruction to the New Generation Cutting end of ham off
- The relevance forsaken - New Technology / New Cultural affections can lure away
- The rebellion factor - New Generation's Belief they are More Sophisticated than arcaic Generation

God aware that this is normal human behavior, reiterates the central purpose of worship for His people.

Worship is a sacrifice: the focus is blood, a substitutionary sacrifice daily presented before God by His people.

Num 28:1 **1) Offerings on a Regular Basis** vs 1-15

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Num 28:2 "Command the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be careful to present **My** offering, **My** food for **My** offerings by fire, of a soothing aroma **to Me**, at their appointed time.'

- "My Offerings" - we are stewards of His offerings. They are HIS and we are commanded to "be careful" with them.
 - Being Careful is to not forget, to be faithful to have as a high priority.
 - To present is to follow the procedure as prescribed.

Daily

Num 28:3 "You shall say to them, 'This is the offering by fire which you shall offer to the LORD: two male lambs one year old without defect *as* a continual burnt offering **every day**.'

Num 28:4 'You shall offer the **one lamb in the morning** and **the other lamb you shall offer at twilight**;

Num 28:5 also a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil.

Num 28:6 'It is a continual burnt offering which was ordained in Mount Sinai as a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

Num 28:7 'Then the drink offering with it *shall be* a fourth of a hin for each lamb, in the holy place you shall pour out a drink offering of strong drink to the LORD.

Num 28:8 'The other lamb you shall offer at twilight; as the grain offering of the morning and as its drink offering, you shall offer it, an offering by fire, a soothing aroma to the LORD.

- The believer's day begins and ends with a devotion (offering) to the Lord.
- Psalm 5:3 "In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch."
- Psalm 88:13 "But I, O LORD, have cried out to You for help, And in the morning my prayer comes before You."
- Psalm 63:6 "When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches,"
- Psalm 141:2 "May my prayer be counted as incense before You; The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering."

Weekly

Num 28:9 'Then **on the sabbath day** two male lambs one year old without defect, and two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and its drink offering:

Num 28:10 'This is the burnt offering of **every sabbath** in addition to the continual burnt offering and its drink offering. .

- Part of the Daily Sacrifices but once a week it changes slightly.
- On the Sabbath, an additional lamb was offered at the morning and evening sacrifice. So on this day, Two were offered in the morning and two in the evening.

- Monthly**
- Num 28:11 'Then at the beginning of each of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD: two bulls and one ram, seven male lambs one year old without defect;
- Num 28:12 and three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, for each bull; and two-tenths of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, for the one ram;
- Num 28:13 and a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering for each lamb, for a burnt offering of a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.
- Num 28:14 'Their drink offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bull and a third of a hin for the ram and a fourth of a hin for a lamb; this is the burnt offering of each month throughout the months of the year.
- Num 28:15 'And one male goat for a sin offering to the LORD; it shall be offered with its drink offering in addition to the continual burnt offering.
- Ancient Israel followed a lunar (full moon) calendar. Every full moon was called a New Moon and a new month began. God has His people start off, have their beginnings with a focus on Him.
 - We to live in a monthly cycle financially. Our bills are usually on a monthly cycle. So we get through one month and it begins again. Sometimes at the end of a month we are glad to have survived another month. God wants us to have not only our mortgage or power bill scheduled to pay but His offerings scheduled.
 - If properly focused at the beginning then we are lined-up to follow His direction throughout the rest of the month.
 - There is a warning in scripture that even our devotion can become corrupt. Isaiah reveals that these "new moon" offerings had become opportunities for excess and self gratification.
 - **Isaiah 1:14** "I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts, They have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing them."

Annually 2) Offerings Related to Feasts vs 16- 29:38

- Passover vs 28:16-25
- Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) vs 28:26-31
- Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) vs 29:1-6
- Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) vs 29:7-11
- Feast of Tabernacles (Booths/Succoth) vs 29:12-38

Passover

- Num 28:16 'Then on the fourteenth day of the first month shall be the LORD'S Passover.
- In Exodus 12 we learned that the Lord redeemed Israel from bondage in Egypt and brought them out by a great show of might. The Lord told Israel that this was the beginning of their year. And that they will honor it with a feast called Passover. They are to annually remember their new beginning.
- Num 28:17 'On the fifteenth day of this month *shall be* a feast, unleavened bread *shall be* eaten for seven days.
- Num 28:18 'On the first day *shall be* a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work.
- Num 28:19 'You shall present an offering by fire, a burnt offering to the LORD: two bulls and one ram and seven male lambs one year old, having them without defect.
- Num 28:20 'For their grain offering, you shall offer fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for a bull and two-tenths for the ram.
- Num 28:21 'A tenth of an ephah you shall offer for each of the seven lambs;
- Num 28:22 and one male goat for a sin offering to make atonement for you.
- Num 28:23 'You shall present these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering.
- Num 28:24 'After this manner you shall present daily, for seven days, the food of the offering by fire, of a soothing aroma to the LORD; it shall be presented with its drink offering in addition to the

continual burnt offering.

Num 28:25 'On the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work.

- Passover is on the 14th day of the 1st month and then on the 15th is the feast of unleavened bread.
- We learn more about Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread in **Leviticus 23:4-8**
- Deliverance/The Lord's Salvation comes before the cleansing from sin (unleavened bread) Too many people think they must clean themselves up before coming to the Lord. It is the other way around.

Feast of Weeks

Num 28:26 'Also on the day of the first fruits, when you present a new grain offering to the LORD in your *Feast of Weeks*, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work.

Num 28:27 'You shall offer a burnt offering for a soothing aroma to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs one year old;

Num 28:28 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths *of an ephah* for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

Num 28:29 a tenth for each of the seven lambs;

Num 28:30 *also* one male goat to make atonement for you.

Num 28:31 'Besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, you shall present *them* with their drink offerings. They shall be without defect.

- Feast of weeks is 50 days after Passover. Thus it is called "Pentecost".
- We learn more about it in **Leviticus 21:15-16, 21** and **Leviticus 23:15-22**
- It commemorates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the Temple. Historically, it celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai

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