

Numbers 7:1–88

¹ Now it came to pass, when Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, that he anointed it and consecrated it and all its furnishings, and the altar and all its utensils; so he anointed them and consecrated them. ² Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' houses, who were the leaders of the tribes and over those who were numbered, made an offering. ³ And they brought their offering before the Lord, six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for every two of the leaders, and for each one an ox; and they presented them before the tabernacle.

⁴ Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ⁵ "Accept these from them, that they may be used in doing the work of the tabernacle of meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, to every man according to his service." ⁶ So Moses took the carts and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites. ⁷ Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service; ⁸ and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. ⁹ But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because theirs was the service of the holy things, which they carried on their shoulders.

¹⁰ Now the leaders offered the dedication offering for the altar when it was anointed; so the leaders offered their offering before the altar. ¹¹ For the Lord said to Moses, "They shall offer their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar."

¹² And the one who offered his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah. ¹³ His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ¹⁴ one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ¹⁵ one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ¹⁶ one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ¹⁷ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

¹⁸ On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented an offering. ¹⁹ For his offering he offered one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ²⁰ one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ²¹ one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ²² one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ²³ and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

²⁴ On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, leader of the children of Zebulun, presented an offering. ²⁵ His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ²⁶ one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ²⁷ one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ²⁸ one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ²⁹ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

³⁰ On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, leader of the children of Reuben, presented an offering. ³¹ His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one

hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ³²one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ³³one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ³⁴one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ³⁵and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

³⁶On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, leader of the children of Simeon, presented an offering. ³⁷His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ³⁸one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ³⁹one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ⁴⁰one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ⁴¹and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

⁴²On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, leader of the children of Gad, presented an offering. ⁴³His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ⁴⁴one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ⁴⁵one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ⁴⁶one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ⁴⁷and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

⁴⁸On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the children of Ephraim, presented an offering. ⁴⁹His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ⁵⁰one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ⁵¹one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ⁵²one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ⁵³and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

⁵⁴On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the children of Manasseh, presented an offering. ⁵⁵His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ⁵⁶one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ⁵⁷one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ⁵⁸one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ⁵⁹and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

⁶⁰On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, leader of the children of Benjamin, presented an offering. ⁶¹His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ⁶²one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ⁶³one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ⁶⁴one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ⁶⁵and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

⁶⁶ On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the children of Dan, presented an offering. ⁶⁷ His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ⁶⁸ one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ⁶⁹ one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ⁷⁰ one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ⁷¹ and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

⁷² On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, leader of the children of Asher, presented an offering. ⁷³ His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ⁷⁴ one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ⁷⁵ one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ⁷⁶ one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ⁷⁷ and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

⁷⁸ On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, leader of the children of Naphtali, presented an offering. ⁷⁹ His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ⁸⁰ one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; ⁸¹ one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ⁸² one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ⁸³ and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

⁸⁴ This was the dedication offering for the altar from the leaders of Israel, when it was anointed: twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold pans. ⁸⁵ Each silver platter weighed one hundred and thirty shekels and each bowl seventy shekels. All the silver of the vessels weighed two thousand four hundred shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. ⁸⁶ The twelve gold pans full of incense weighed ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the pans weighed one hundred and twenty shekels. ⁸⁷ All the oxen for the burnt offering were twelve young bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs in their first year twelve, with their grain offering, and the kids of the goats as a sin offering twelve. ⁸⁸ And all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings were twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, and the lambs in their first year sixty. This was the dedication offering for the altar after it was anointed.

An Accumulation of Blessing

Main idea: the Lord honors His people with participation in His work of blessing them.

Introduction: Getting ready to go to Canaan, but the great thing is God in the midst.

1. Consecration, transportation, and furnishing of the tabernacle service

1. Pulling different times together calls our attention to God's making a specific point
 2. "Bringing near" (offering)
 - 2. Embracing God's order for His church and our participation in it**
 1. Divinely appointed leadership
 2. Divinely arranged tribes ("one leader, one day; one leader, one day")
 3. Divinely assigned providence and individual participation
 - 3. Cumulative effect of small things**
- Conclusion:** Application to growth, children, generations, etc... worship!

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Numbers chapter 7 verses 1 through 88.

These are God's words. Now, it came to pass when Moses finished setting up the Tabernacle that he anointed it, and consecrated it and all its Furnishings. And the altar and all its utensils. So he anointed them and consecrated them. Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers houses, who are the leaders of the tribes and over those who were numbered, Made an offering they brought their offering before Yahweh.

Six covered carts and 12 walks in the cart for every two of the leaders. And for each one, an ox And they presented them before the Tabernacle. Then most, then you always spoke to Moses saying, accept these from them. That they may be used in doing the work of the Tabernacle of meeting.

And you shall give them to the Levites to every man, according to his service. So Moses took the carts and the oxen and gave them to the Levites, two carts and four. Oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon according to their service. And four cards and eight oxen, he gave to the sons of mirari, according to their service under the authority of ithamar, the son of Aaron, the priest, But to the sons of kohat, he gave none.

Because theirs was the service of the Holy things. Which they carried on their shoulders. Now, the leaders offered the dedication offering for the altar when it was anointed. So the leaders offered their offering before the altar. For you always said to Moses, they shall offer their offering one leader, each day for the dedication of the altar.

And the ones and the one who offered his offering on the first day was Nation, son of a minute. From the tribe of Judah, his offering was one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels, and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shackle of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering.

Pan of 10 shekels. Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year, has a burnt offering. One kid of the goats as a sin offering and for the sacrifice of peace, offerings, two oxen five Rams, five male goats and five male lambs in their first year.

This was the offering of Nation. Son of a minute. On the second day nothing else son of zuar leader of visakar presented an offering. For his offering. He offered one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels, one Silver bowl of 70 shekels, according to the second shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil.

As a grain offering one gold pan of 10 shekels. Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering one kid of the goats as a sin offering and as the sacrifice of peace, offerings to oxen five Rams, five, mailgoats and five male Lambs in their first year.

This was the offering of nothing else, the son of Zuar Aliab son of Helen leader of the children of zebulun presented an offering, his offering was one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels, and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering one gold pan of 10 shekels.

Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering one kid of the, goats is a sin offering and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two ox, and five Rams, five male goats and five male lambs in their first year, this was the offering of eliab, son of Halon.

Son of cerior leader of the children of Reuben, presented an offering. His offering was one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels, and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. Sorry, according to the shackle of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering one gold pan of 10 shekels.

Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering. One kid of the goats is a sin offering and as the sacrifice of peace, offerings, two oxen five Rams, five male goats and five male lambs in their first year.

This was the offering of elizur son of shiddiore. On the fifth day, shalomiel the son of zarishidai leader of the children of Simeon presented an offering. His offering was one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels, and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of Flour, mixed with oil as a grain offering.

One gold pan of 10 shekels. Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year has a burnt offering one kid of the goats as a sin offering and as the sacrifice of peace, offerings to oxen five Rams, five male goats and five lambs in their first year.

This was the offering of shalomiel, son of zerichedi. On the sixth day eliasth, son of day. Well leader of the children of Gad presented an offering. His offering was one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels, and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them, Full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering one gold pan of 10 shekels.

Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM and one male lamb in its first year has a burnt offering one kid of the goats as a sin offering and as the sacrifice of peace, offerings, two oxen five Rams, five male goats and five male lambs in their first year.

This was the offering of elasf son of dewell. Son of Ami heard leader of the children of Ephraim presented an offering. His offering was one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels,

and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil, as a great offering.

Gold pan of 10 shekels. Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering. One kid of the goats as a sin offering and as a sacrifice of peace, offerings to oxen five Rams, five male goats and five male lambs in their first year.

This was the offering of Elishama, son of amihood. On the eighth Day, gamali alsana pedasur leader of the children of Manasseh presented an offering. His offering was one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels, and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering one gold pan of 10 shekels full of incense.

One young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering one kid of the goats, as a sin offering and as the sacrifice of peace, offerings, two oxen five Rams, five male goats and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Gamali, all the son of parasur.

On the ninth day, Evie, Dan the son of giriani, the leader of the children of Benjamin presented an offering His offering was one silver platter the way to which was 130 shekels, and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering.

Gold pan of 10 shekels. Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering. One kid of the goats is a sin offering and as the sacrifice of peace, offerings, two oxen five Rams, five male Goods and five male Lambs in their first year.

This was the offering of Abby, Dan's son of giriani. On the tenth day ahiezer. Son of Amisha Dai leader of the children of Dan presented an offering. His offering was one silver platter the way to which was 130 shekels, and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering.

One volt pan of 10 shekels. Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering. One kid of the goats as a sin offering and as the sacrifice of peace, offerings to Ox, and five Rams, five male goats and five male Lambs in their first year.

This was the offering of ahiezer, son of Amishadai. On the 11th day, pagiel the son of Akron leader of the children of Asher presented an offering. His offering was one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels, and one silver bowl of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, Both of them fall a fine flour mixed with oil.

As a grain offering one gold pan of 10 shekels. Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering. Kit of the goats as a sin offering and as the sacrifice of peace, offerings, two oxen five Rams, five male goats and five male Lambs in their first year.

This was the offering of Paggio, the son of Akron. On the 12th day ahira, the son of Anon leader of the children of naphtali presented an offering. His offering was one silver platter the way to, which was 130 shekels, and one silver bowl of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, Both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering one gold pan of 10 shekels.

Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering one kid of the goats as a sin offering. The sacrifice of peace. Offerings to oxened five Rams.

Five male goats and five male Lambs in their first year, this was the offering of a hero son of Enoch.

This was the dedication offering for the altar. From the leaders of Israel when it was anointed. 12 silver platters 12, silver bowls. Un12, gold pans. Each silver platter weighed 130 shekels in each Bowl 70 shekels. All the silver of the vessels weighed according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

Sorry, weighed 2400 shekels. According to the shackle of the sanctuary, the 12 gold bands full of incense weighed 10 shekels apiece. According to the circle of the sanctuary, all the gold of the pans weighed 120 shekels. All the oxen, for the burnt offering were 12 young Bulls the Rams, 12.

The male lambs in their first year 12 with their grain offering and the kids of the goats as a sin offering 12. All the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings, where 24 bulls. The Rams, 60 the male goats 60, and the Lambs in their first year, 60, This was the dedication offering for the altar.

After it was. Anointed. Amen, that sends this reading of God's inspired and inerrant worked.

Begin to shift as the blessing has been pronounced at the end of chapter 6. And we are preparing now to Depart. From Sinai or Israel is preparing to depart from Sinai in chapter 10. They're going to observe another Passover. Uh, in chapter nine. The first part then of Of this.

Preparation for leaving is actually not a preparation for leaving at all. It is a reminder that the great thing about Israel is already in their midst. Um, the way men tend to think about history. We would think that the great thing about Israel was coming out of Egypt or we would think that the great thing about Israel was coming into Canaan.

And indeed God did a great work of Salvation and delivering them from Egypt and he had promised them the land of Canaan and And so these are not small things, but these were not the great things about Israel. The great thing about Israel. Is that it had God dwelling in the midst of them.

And so this provision for the Tabernacle service, this provision for the worship of God and especially for coming near. When it says, For presented. It's using the word for Drawing Near in each of these instances. When it says for his offering, it's using another form of the word for Drawing Near.

He offered, he brought near one, silver platter Etc, and then at the end of each section, This was the bringing near of whoever the leader is Son of whatever his father was. And so if you're reading and hearing this chapter in the original, what you hear over and over again is bringing near brought near presented or or presented brought near the brought near thing over and over and over.

And this has been the great thing ever, since the Tabernacle was erected, especially in the Book of Leviticus and the offerings that are That are so richly provided for in each of the 12 days and in the main Section of the chapter here, the Ascension. Uh, the sin, the the Which would take away their sin, the peace for which such a huge amount was provided in order that the people might as it were eat from the table of the Lord together with him that from which the common people were We're permitted to to eat.

Of the meat. Uh, that in all of this, God has brought his people near he has made his dwelling among them, and this is The climax even of the Bible as a whole and it will be the climax of all

of. The stories of your lives. You you each have a different story of your life, but if you belong to God by faith in Jesus Christ, the climax of the story of your life is the dwelling place of God, the tabernacling of God, With men.

And you will be near and he will shine his face upon you. And you will have fellowship with him. Forever. And ever. And so, God is getting us ready for his people. To go. And he does it. Uh, by pulling Actually, from two different times. Which is a problem for some.

Uh, but we'll see in the first place. The significance then of this Tabernacle service and in the second place we'll see. We'll consider embracing God's order for his And our participation in it. Yeah. And here especially the orderliness of the chapter and the orderliness of the procedure and the leaders and so forth will see embracing God's order for his And then the other thing that strikes us just on reading or hearing, Um, the cumulative effect.

Of the, of the small things of the part that each person and each tribe, Had the cumulative effect of small things. Under the plan of God, the order. Uh, that God has established for how he Does his work in his church. So first the Tabernacle service and here, Uh, consecration and Furnishing are actually things that have taken place a month before the Book of Numbers began.

The day that Moses finished setting up the Tabernacle and anointed and consecrated it. If we look at Exodus, 40 and compare it with numbers chapter 1 as actually a month before. Uh, the censuses with which the book of numbers began. And so Verses 1 through. Sorry, not verses one through three.

Just verse one. Uh, and then Verses 10 through 88 these come in connection with the anointing and the dedication of the altar but verses 2 through 9. Have to do with things that that actually occur in the wake of the census. Because Uh, in uh, in verses two through nine, you have that which is given to Gershon and murari and kohat, according to the work that this pointed to them, a work that actually takes is actually assigned to them in the course of the census in the book of numbers.

And the two things. The month before the book of, The censuses in the Book of Numbers began. And then verses Verses two through nine. And that which comes following These censuses that we had in the beginning of the Book of Numbers. Those two things are kind of tied together in the, in the naming.

Again, of the leaders of all these tribes because you remember, when they were taking the census of each tribe, the Lord had named, particularly whom he would have as the leader. For each tribe. But then so this consecration Moses anointing, everything and setting up the Tabernacle and anointing it consecrating it and old's Furnishings consecrating The altar and all its utensils anointing and consecrating.

All of it. And then these offerings that are brought in connection with that consecration. And that anointing. So you have the consecration of the Tabernacle uh the anointing of it, that's being set apart. Oil. Just as it has been set, apart by God's word, he gives action by which also Uh, it is set apart anointed and consecrated.

Um, and then the Furnishing the supply of all of these things and Uh, in vers. 10. 83. Uh, and then he's also provided especially now for the transportation. Of the Tabernacle as well, which they're going to need because they are on the move. Uh but God as it were or The Nearness of God to them as he has designed for them to experience and know his nearness is is going to go with them, not just in the cloud and the fire and we'll hear about that.

And in the forthcoming chapters. But the Tent of meeting the Tabernacle of God is going to go with them and so Gershon apparently. The items that the Gershonites are going to be carrying, only need the two carts, and the four oxen. And, Uh, that which the mirror writes, you remember, Uh, are carrying.

And that's the more structural, you know, the bigger structural pieces. And so they receive four carts and eight oxen, but why didn't the Kohathites receive anything? Why didn't they receive any carts or oxen for helping them carry their part. Well, it was because they had been given the task of carrying the holy things.

In fact, they weren't even allowed to watch the holy things. Be packed up. You remember, Eleazar? Would have to do all of that covering. And then when it was ready and the poles were already inserted and everything was covered, then he would come and he would tell the Kohathites, you can carry it now.

And we know very famously when this was not done. You remember the incident with Aza and the Ark and how he touched it, because it was on a cart being pulled by oxen and it was tottering and it was going to fall on the ground and he thought I'm sure that he was Um, that he was doing the right thing by reaching out to touch the ark.

Well, the Kohathites didn't need oxen and they didn't need carts, they needed obedience. And probably a fair bit of muscle. In order to carry their items by the poles but you see here, God pulls from different times. He pulls all these things together. Not so that later. Um, men, who in their resistance, to the truth of the word of God can rebelliously say, aha.

See, there are things here that are out of order. We knew there were mistakes in the Bible. No, it is not a mistake in the Bible. It is God calling our attention to the themes. The theme that pulls all these things together, the great provision of his dwelling with men of his worship, by which we may draw near to him and even greater.

Now for us now that we know that the Tabernacle was a shadow of Christ and the priesthood anticipated Christ, and the sacrifices anticipated Christ, and that it is in the Lord Jesus, that God has given us to draw near to him. And he's atoned for our sin and he's made us to ascend and be seated within in the Heavenly places.

And when we come, we come not with grain or incense in hand, but we come with Jesus in hand as it were in the hand of faith. In this chapter in this portion is the consecration Transportation Furnishing of the Tabernacle service and how the great thing. About God's people is The Nearness of God to them, even later.

And in Deuteronomy and Moses's last sermon, which Lord sparing us. Will be in not too long from now. Uh he says that one of the reasons that God gave them good laws to obey was so that others who saw Israel and saw their good laws And as far as we know, this really did not happen in the history of Israel.

This is happening, especially among those Believers who are conformed to Christ. Christ is the true Israel, but so that others would see the good laws and say what, uh, people that have such good laws, who is like them, who have a god, so near What a blessing. To be the people of God, redeemed reconciled to him in Jesus Christ, and to be brought so near.

We ought not in the weakness of our faith and our desire for more sensory worship and experiences. We ought not go back to observing Jewish feasts and festivals or infesting the worship with Jewish things. But we should see the great mercy of God, to give his people

then a way of drawing near and the greater mercy of God that he has given us in our day, in our age with Christ.

The priest having offered the sacrifice and being the reality in glory of which the Tabernacle was a shadow. You are a people dear Church. To God and how we should Revel in that and rejoice in that Marvel at it. Wonder before God at the greatness of his Mercy to us and in.

So doing one of the things that we will want to do is Embrace God's order for his church submit to God's order for his church. Notice again. I've already mentioned that each of these 12 leaders was specifically designated by God. They were not elected by the people as far as we can tell.

When the census was taken earlier, the Lord named whom he wanted to be. The leader. Of each of the tribes, and it was the Lord who had arranged The tribes of Israel as he wanted them. God was the one who would make you to be born in either Asher or naftali or Judah, or whatever it is or if you were one of these mixed multitude, remember in Exodus chapter 12 in a mixed multitude.

Came up with them and they could not take the the Passover unless They became members of of Israelite households. And so in, God's Providence, whatever household, one of them had come into and been circumcised and joined so that they could participate in the taking of the path that also wasn't God's Providence.

Even though there would have been a little more human agency involved and yet it is God's Providence with whom you come into contact. If you grew up outside of the church and God brought you to Faith, he's the one who very carefully, oversaw? How, how you he would bring you to that point in your life.

And some of us have been in, maybe we grew up in a, a mega church in Michigan. Yes. Such things existed in the 80s or I think maybe there was just the one. It was in the Lord's Providence that that he has brought you to himself and brought you along the path that he has.

It's in his God, it's in his Providence. Now that you're at Hopewell that you're gathered uh worshipping him. This is one of the reasons why First Corinthians 12 teaches us not to say because well, you know, I'm kind of different from the rest of the Hopewellians. I guess. I'm not that much of a part uh that much a part of the body.

First Corinthians. 12 also says, you know, we shouldn't look at anybody who Whom the Lord has made part of our our church, a member of this congregation. And so, you know, they're kind of different than uh than I am. They're not a part of the body now, First Corinthians 12 says God has arranged the members of the body just as pleases him, Justice seems good, uh, to him and so, Very similarly here you have the 12 tribes, you have a divinely appointed leadership.

You have the divinely arranged tribes and the Lord drives home to them, their personal tribal identity. The. The, the language when it says, Sorry, I didn't put the The text reference. The outline. There you go, verse 11. Where it says they shall offer their offering one leader. Each day for the dedication of the altar.

It's actually a repeated phrase in the Hebrew, what's translated there, one leader. Each day is one leader, one day, one leader, one day. And you can, you can even hear a little bit saying it that way and hearing it that way. Uh, that the the Lord wanted each tribe with its leader that it received as assigned to to them.

By the Lord and that leader was a sinner and I'm sure there are many things he said or did that. That if you were in his tribe, you would not have said it that way, or done it that way or could have bothered you but you'd receive him as God's appointment for you.

And he was the one who appointed, the leaders. He was the one who had arranged the tribes. And whereas, Whereas, for us, we're not from one of these 12 tribes. Uh, so it may seem a little tedious to us. To read 72 verses worth of 12 days and six verses a day and each one of them the same and God forgive us, it's from our flesh.

That would ever make The reading of God's word. To seem tedious. But what uh, you can imagine how for them. Whatever day was their tribe's day, they would be very excited for and you know what else they might have been excited for their lamb. The that was brought up in their house or maybe the silver platter that they had given up some earrings that they had gotten from From their Egyptian neighbor during The Exodus or or whatever it was, because we mustn't think, especially with the amount that was given by each tribe, that was brought near by the leader that it was given just by that leader.

Each one of these tribes. And especially if you were from a smaller tribe, your family is a portion that you had to give in order for your tribe to come up with the same amount would actually be bigger, wouldn't it? And so, there's not just the, uh, the appointment of the leadership and the arrangement of his, uh, of his people into the divisions where he had placed each one of them.

Uh, there's also implied here, uh, divinely assigned Providence and individual participation. Uh, that you would participate in that part of God's people and whatever your little part was contributing it, it was assigned to you by God. It came to you in his Providence. So that when you finally read the Uh, the sum totals Uh in verses 84 through 88, you get there through Those 72 verses.

Uh, 72 verses worth of the 12 days. The one of each tribe and you see what the Lord is doing here. He's showing us to in just a small way. The cumulative effect of small things. So, literally millions of Israelites, And giving a little bit and arranged into their 12 tribes and then each of the tribes giving their portion and the silver and the total of the the silver from the platters and the bowls, and the gold and the total of the the the total number of shackles of gold and And the oxen for the Ascension and

Sorry, the the oxen, uh, for and the Rams.

And mail Lambs for the Ascension and the grain offering and kids of the goats. For the sin offering. And so forth, all of this. Uh, was such a huge amount by the time you get to verses 84 through 88 but it was accumulated. By small amounts. And this is something that the Lord teaches us in his word is not to despise the day of small things that we wouldn't disregard.

How significant is the accumulation of what God does through the individuals of his people. And even. Through what he what he does. Slowly but surely persistency persistently in our life. Uh for us, the accumulation feels primarily, like a big long reading. We don't get to see the the total up there, when it's all done at the end of the 12th day, and all the platters, and all the bowls, and all the oxen, and the kids of the goats, and the Rams and the male lambs and and and then the bigger.

A group of those of those animals that was brought near. That are going to be sacrificed for the peace offerings that we get to eat from and have a great big. A great big Feast. From the peace offerings. But you, they got By the Lord's arrangement and the Lord's accumulating.

These small things. Uh, you know, this is an encouragement on the one hand, if you are discouraged with your growth, Uh, in your life. And perhaps you don't attend upon the means of Grace because you don't feel like it makes much of a difference. Well, the Lord is the one who has given it to you to do and he's the one who makes it to make a difference.

And it's his ordinary way of accumulating much. From many small things. So one, you know, line word, upon word line upon line day, upon Day upon day and the cumulative effect of how the Lord grows you. Some of you have had this This experience and in other parts of your life, perhaps you've had this experience.

Um since you have been participating with Hopewell that the the steady plotting through the word of God. The steady experience of God day by day in the family Worship and the secret worship as as you pray day by day and as you sing day by day and the knowledge of God the cumulative effect of what he does is great, even if Any days worth this small.

And what a great work. He does in the life of a child parenting can be very frustrating. Our children are sinners and even worse. They're Sinners, because we are sinners. And because they, they came from us. And the progress sometimes feels small or even negative. Uh sometimes we see something that we thought was progress and then there's backsliding or things do not turn out to be spiritually what we thought they had been and it's very easy.

To become discouraged if we don't learn this lesson. Of the great cumulative effect. Of how God has arranged to work in his people. And in our children and then we think of Generations. Especially.

If I can make a personal application here that also has application to you, You know, this church. 1 40th, or 50th the size. Of the church that I grew up in. Um, but we see what the Lord does in his people even like in Isaiah 51. This morning, he says, Remember.

Uh The Rock from which you were hearing, Abraham was just one man in Hebrews 11 says and as good as debt and Remember the, the hole the pit out of which you you were dug, you know, just out of Sarah's womb. Came the eventually the the nation of Israel.

And, It is a joy to minister to the Lord whether as the pastor in the pulpit or as those who are admonishing one, another in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, and the pews, and worshiping separately in our homes throughout the week and sometimes together during the week. And and often regularly together on the Lord's day and and knowing that not only is the Lord using us and one another's lives.

Generations, multiply Uh, from among the faithful that scripture teaches us to look uh, to look to him for. And may your tribes increase. Uh, God grants that uh, that there would be millions. That Israel was smaller than hope. Well, when it went down to Egypt, And now look at what the Lord even just does just in raw numbers.

By Numbers chapter 7. Uh but thinking about that, especially with application to what he is doing, spiritually in the knowledge of God and drawing near to God and growth in the grace of Jesus Christ. And some of you have seen What the Lord has given your children by his Mercy, not by our greatness and are having figured it out.

Certainly not by the greatness of our faithfulness or our children would have all unraveled a hundred times over by now. But by his Mercy he is given to many of our children. What we Look back and we Marvel at the difference. And yet God has mercifully and perfectly attended to us as well.

But a little bit closer final application. Uh, what he what he gives in this chapter. That each of you would take. Seriously the part that he's given you in his worship. Um, it is amazing. Uh, To participate in hundreds or thousands. Of people singing. Uh, the the Psalms accompanied by nothing but the grace of the Holy Spirit in the in the hearts of the people.

Uh, but there is no one person who sings For hundreds or thousands, each one provides their own voice. Each, one of you is assigned by God. A part that the accumulate, the cumulative effect is great. And one day, it'll, it'll be in a multitude that no one can number.

So, also, when you are worshiping God and we don't we don't bring near now. Do we bulls and goats, and Rams, and Use a little grain, but we don't bring the the, the grain near And so forth. But when we come, we offer ourselves our souls a spiritual sacrifice unto God.

We offer the sacrifice of Thanksgiving and the sacrifice of Praise like we heard in Psalm 116 this morning, we offer the crying out of our heart, and dependence upon Jesus and delighting in him. And although you cannot see or hear it, the way we can hear the cumulative effect of the voices.

Is it not still the worship of God? And so every one of your parts when we gather for the public worship, every one of your parts, lifting up your heart, to the Lord, and the calling upon his name from your soul, and the offering yourself and praise and Thanksgiving is accumulating in Jesus Christ presented by him.

Our great appointed leader, our great high priest, our Tabernacle and brought near So do not despise or treat as small, your voice in the singing, your heart, and mind in the reading and the praying. And when you offer the listening to his word and you're submitting yourself to his word and receiving it and and looking by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to be convinced of what he teaches and committed to what he commands.

All of that is accumulated in Christ and it is great, indeed in him. Indeed. The great thing about the church is her God. And her God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. But he gives each individual that is in him. A part. In that cumulative. That is marvelous and impressive.

When it is completed. So the Lord Uh, give us to remember that. Not just about Israel in number seven. But Hopewell in 2024. And that great multitude in glory with whom we will be Locally gathered one day. Um, will not be satellite congregations of Heaven forever. Amen, let's pray.

We thank you Lord for these. 88 verses we thank you. For what you did for Israel. Uh, we are Uh, warned. Since we have similar original sin to theirs. Um, That we could be like, Um, and forget the greatness of what you had done. For them. As they did, especially Lord, since you have given us to live in the age of Christ's own priesthood, And so there is that greatness.

Of what you have given to us. In our day, let us not despise it. Let us not be negligent or treat a small or be lazy or easily give up. Uh the participation that you have so honored us to have in the whole of the worship that is offered through Christ, but glorify him not only in his church corporately.

But in the heart and mind and mouth and life. Of each one of his members specifically we ask. In his name. Amen.