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**Freewill Offering**

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The `freewill' [offering](korbanot.html) is [first](one.html) found in [connection](connection.html) with the construction of the [Tent of Meeting](mikdash.html):

***Shemot (***[***Exodus***](exodus.html)***) 35:29 - 36:3*** *All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *freewill offerings for all the work* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *through Moses had commanded them to do. Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See,* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Judah, And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and* [*knowledge*](knowledge.html) *in all kinds of crafts-- To make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, To cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic craftsmanship. And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Dan, the ability to* [*teach*](teacher.html) *others. He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as craftsmen, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers--all of them master craftsmen and designers. So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *has given skill and ability to* [*know*](daat.html) *how to carry out all the work of constructing the* [*sanctuary*](mikdash.html) *are to do the work just as* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *has commanded." Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the* [*sanctuary*](mikdash.html)*. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.*

"Freewill" is defined by Strongs as:

5071 nedabah, ned-aw-baw'; from 5068; prop. (abstr.) spontaneity, or (adj.) spontaneous; also (concr.) a spontaneous or (by infer., in plur.) abundant gift:-free (-will) [offering](korbanot.html), freely, plentiful, voluntary (- ily, [offering](korbanot.html)), willing (-ly, [offering](korbanot.html)).

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5068 nadab, naw-dab'; a prim. root; to impel; hence to volunteer (as a soldier), to present spontaneously:-offer freely, be (give, make, offer self) willing (-ly).

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 7:16-18*** *"'If, however, his* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *is the result of a vow or is a freewill* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, the* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *shall be* [*eaten*](eating.html) *on the day he offers it, but anything left over may be* [*eaten*](eating.html) *on the next day. Any meat of the* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *left over till the* [*third*](three.html) *day must be burned up. If any meat of the fellowship* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *is* [*eaten*](eating.html) *on the* [*third*](three.html) *day, it will not be accepted. It will not be credited to the* [*one*](one.html) *who offered it, for it is impure; the person who* [*eats*](eating.html) *any of it will be held responsible.*

The `freewill' [offering](korbanot.html) is [eaten](eating.html) by the [one](one.html) who brings it on the [first](one.html) or the second day. It was not to be [eaten](eating.html) on the [third](three.html) day, because it is impure.

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 22:17-25***[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *said to Moses, "*[*Speak*](mashal.html) *to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelites and say to them: 'If any of you--either an Israelite or an* [*alien*](aliens.html) *living in* [*Israel*](gen-jew.html)*--presents a gift for a* [*burnt offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, either to fulfill a vow or as a freewill* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, You must present a* [*male*](male+female.html) *without defect from the cattle, sheep or goats in order that it may be accepted on your behalf. Do not bring anything with a defect, because it will not be accepted on your behalf. When anyone brings from the herd or flock a fellowship* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *to fulfill a special vow or as a freewill* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, it must be without defect or blemish to be acceptable. Do not offer to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *the blind, the injured or the maimed, or anything with warts or festering or running sores. Do not* [*place*](place.html) *any of these on the altar as an* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *made to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *by* [*fire*](fire.html)*. You may, however, present as a freewill* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *an ox or a sheep that is deformed or stunted, but it will not be accepted in fulfillment of a vow. You must not offer to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *an animal whose testicles are bruised, crushed, torn or cut. You must not do this in your own land, And you must not accept such animals from the* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *of a foreigner and offer them as the* [*food*](food.html) *of your God. They will not be accepted on your behalf, because they are deformed and have defects.'"*

A `freewill' [offering](korbanot.html) could be a [burnt offering](korbanot.html).

It must be a [MALE](male+female.html) from the cattle, the sheep, or the goats.

A stunted or a deformed animal could be offered as a freewill [offering](korbanot.html).

***Bamidbar (***[***Numbers***](nchart.html)***) 15:1-16***[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *said to Moses, "*[*Speak*](mashal.html) *to the Israelites and say to them: 'After you enter the land I am giving you as a home And you present to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *offerings made by* [*fire*](fire.html)*, from the herd or the flock, as an aroma pleasing to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*--whether* [*burnt offering*](korbanot.html)*s or sacrifices, for special vows or freewill offerings or* [*festival*](festival.html) *offerings-- Then the* [*one*](one.html) *who brings his* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *shall present to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *a grain* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *of a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with a quarter of a hin of oil. With each lamb for the* [*burnt offering*](korbanot.html) *or the* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html)*, prepare a quarter of a hin of* [*wine*](wine.html) *as a drink* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*. "'With a ram prepare a grain* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *of* [*two*](two.html)*-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with a* [*third*](three.html) *of a hin of oil, And a* [*third*](three.html) *of a hin of* [*wine*](wine.html) *as a drink* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*. Offer it as an aroma pleasing to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. "'When you prepare a young bull as a* [*burnt offering*](korbanot.html) *or* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html)*, for a special vow or a fellowship* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, Bring with the bull a grain* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *of* [*three*](three.html)*-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with half a hin of oil. Also bring half a hin of* [*wine*](wine.html) *as a drink* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*. It will be an* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *made by* [*fire*](fire.html)*, an aroma pleasing to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. Each bull or ram, each lamb or young goat, is to be prepared in this manner. Do this for each* [*one*](one.html)*, for as many as you prepare. "'Everyone who is native-born must do these things in this way when he brings an* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *made by* [*fire*](fire.html) *as an aroma pleasing to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. For the* [*generations*](toldot.html) *to come, whenever an* [*alien*](aliens.html) *or anyone else living among you presents an* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *made by* [*fire*](fire.html) *as an aroma pleasing to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, he must do exactly as you do. The* [*community*](community.html) *is to have the same rules for you and for the* [*alien*](aliens.html) *living among you; this is a lasting ordinance for the* [*generations*](toldot.html) *to come. You and the* [*alien*](aliens.html) *shall be the same before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*: The same* [*laws*](law.html) *and regulations will apply both to you and to the* [*alien*](aliens.html) *living among you.'"*

The [one](one.html) who brings a `freewill' [offering](korbanot.html) must also bring the required grain [offering](korbanot.html) with oil and [wine](wine.html).

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 12:1-14*** *These are the decrees and* [*laws*](law.html) *you must be careful to follow in the land that* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, the God of your* [*fathers*](fathers.html)*, has given you to possess--as long as you live in the land. Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains and on the hills and under every spreading tree where the* [*nations*](nations.html) *you are dispossessing worship their gods. Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the* [*fire*](fire.html)*; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places. You must not worship* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God in their way. But you are to seek the* [*place*](place.html)[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God will choose from among all your* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *to put his* [*Name*](name.html) *there for his* [*dwelling*](dwelling.html)*. To that* [*place*](place.html) *you must go; There bring your* [*burnt offering*](korbanot.html)*s and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. There, in the presence of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God, you and your families shall* [*eat*](eating.html) *and shall rejoice in everything you have put your* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *to, because* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God has blessed you. You are not to do as we do here today, everyone as he sees fit, Since you have not yet reached the resting* [*place*](place.html) *and the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html)[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God is giving you. But you will cross the* [*Jordan*](stages.html) *and settle in the land* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God is giving you as an* [*inheritance*](inherit.html)*, and he will give you rest from all your enemies around you so that you will live in safety. Then to the* [*place*](place.html)[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God will choose as a* [*dwelling*](dwelling.html) *for his* [*Name*](name.html)*--there you are to bring everything I* [*command*](cmds613.html) *you: your* [*burnt offering*](korbanot.html)*s and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. And there rejoice before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God, you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns, who have no allotment or* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of their own. Be careful not to* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *your* [*burnt offering*](korbanot.html)*s anywhere you please. Offer them only at the* [*place*](place.html)[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *will choose in* [*one*](one.html) *of your* [*tribes*](tribes.html)*, and there observe everything I* [*command*](cmds613.html) *you.*

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