

## Numbers 6:1-27 The Nazarite and The Blessing

YeHoVaH called His people to be a Holy Nation, a Kingdom of Priests, and a peculiar treasure. They would be above all people if they kept His Covenant. YeHoVaH placed His Tabernacle amongst them and established a Priestly Order to perpetually pronounce His blessings upon His people so that He could dwell among them and be their Elohim.

In this portion of Numbers, YeHoVaH gives opportunity for anyone amongst the Israelites to take their relationship with Him to another level.

Nu 6:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

### YeHoVaH spoke. Moses wrote.

Nu 6:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate *themselves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate *themselves* unto the LORD:

Either a man or a woman could vow a vow of a Nazarite.  
What is a Nazarite?

Nazarite – **05139** נָזִיר {naw-zeer'} or נָזִירָה {naw-zeer'}

**Meaning:** 1) consecrated or devoted one, Nazarite 1a) consecrated one 1b) devotee, Nazarite 1c) untrimmed (vine)

**Usage:** AV - Nazarite 12, undressed 2, separate 2; 16

**05144** נָזַר {naw-zar'}

**Meaning:** 1) to dedicate, consecrate, separate 1a) (Niphal) to dedicate oneself, devote oneself 1b) (Hiphil) to keep sacredly separate 2) (Hiphil) to be a Nazarite, live as a Nazarite

**Usage:** AV - separate... 9, consecrate 1; 10

Nu 6:3 He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.

Separate – **05144** נָזַר {naw-zar'}

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Nu 6:4 All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels/seed even to the husk/skin.

Nu 6:5 All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth *himself* unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

This indicates that the person who takes the vow is not to cut their hair, but let it grow until the days of their separation be fulfilled.

This makes what Paul did in Cenchrea questionable as to whether he had taken a Nazarite vow as some argue.

Ac 18:18 And Paul *after this* tarried *there* yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn *his* head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

Also, what took place in Acts is questionable as to what vow was taken because the vow is not mentioned.

Ac 21:18 And the *day* following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

Ac 21:19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

Ac 21:20 And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

Ac 21:21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise *their* children, neither to walk after the customs.

Ac 21:22 What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come.

Ac 21:23 Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them;

Ac 21:24 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave *their* heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but *that* thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law.

People could make various vows other than the vow of the Nazarite. There may appear to be certain aspects of the Nazarite vow, but the Nazarite vow was specific and to the letter.

In Acts, there were men who made a vow, but the specifics of the vow are unclear.

Nu 6:6 All the days that he separateth *himself* unto the LORD he shall come at no dead body.

Nu 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God *is* upon his head.

## Things Forbidden

No razor shall touch his/her head

Wine

Strong drink

Grapes

No grape seed or husk/skin/raisin

No contact with a dead body

Hannah made a vow unto YeHoVaH. However, the elements of a Nazarite vow were not there in totality.

1Sa 1:11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

1Sa 1:12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

1Sa 1:13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

1Sa 1:14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

1Sa 1:15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

Hannah was sorrowful of spirit, 1st Samuel 1:15.

Judges 13 speaks of Samson. His father's name was Manoah. His mother was not named.

Jdg 13:1 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

Jdg 13:2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

Jdg 13:3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

Jdg 13:4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing*:

Jdg 13:5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

Jdg 13:6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

Jdg 13:7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

Jdg 13:8 Then Manoah entreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

Jdg 13:9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.

Jdg 13:10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and showed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day.

Jdg 13:11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, *Art* thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I *am*.

Jdg 13:12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and *how* shall we do unto him?

Jdg 13:13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

Jdg 13:14 She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing*: all that I commanded her let her observe.

Jdg 13:15 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

Jdg 13:16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD.

Jdg 13:17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What *is* thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

Jdg 13:18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it *is* secret?

Jdg 13:19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered *it* upon a rock unto the LORD: and *the* angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

Jdg 13:20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on *it*, and fell on their faces to the ground.

Jdg 13:21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

Jdg 13:22 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

Jdg 13:23 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shown us all these *things*, nor would as at this time have told us *such things* as these.

Jdg 13:24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

Jdg 13:25 And the spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Hannah, Manoah's wife, and Elizabeth had this one thing in common: they had no children.

YeHoVaH closed Hannah's womb, 1st Samuel 1:5.

Manoah's wife and Elizabeth were barren.

Hannah prayed.

Manoah's wife had a visitation.

Zechariah told his wife.

Nu 6:8 **All the days of his separation he *is* holy unto the LORD.**

Nu 6:9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.

Nu 6:10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

Nu 6:11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day.

Nu 6:12 And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a trespass offering: but the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

If their vow was interrupted and incomplete, they would need to bring certain offerings because they were unable to complete their vow.

If they completed their vow, there was a special offering they had to offer after completing their vow and before returning to normal life.

Nu 6:13 And this *is* the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

Nu 6:14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings,

Nu 6:15 And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings.

Nu 6:16 And the priest shall bring *them* before the LORD, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering:

Nu 6:17 And he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat offering, and his drink offering.

Nu 6:18 And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation *at* the door of the tabernacle of

the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put *it* in the fire which *is* under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.

The hair on the head of the one under the Nazarite vow must be shaven *at* the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation and put in the fire.

Nu 6:19 And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* upon the hands of the Nazarite, **after** *the hair of his separation* is shaven:

Nu 6:20 And the priest shall wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD: this *is* holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine.

Afterwards, the Nazarite can drink wine again if they so choose.

Nu 6:21 This *is* the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, *and of his offering* unto the LORD for his separation, beside *that* that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

### The Priestly Blessing The Aaronic Blessing The Aaronic Benediction

Nu 6:22 And **the LORD spake** unto Moses, saying,

Nu 6:23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

Nu 6:24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

Bless – **01288** בָּרַךְ barak {baw-rak'}

**Meaning:** 1) to bless, kneel 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to kneel 1a2) to bless 1b) (Niphal) to be blessed, bless oneself 1c) (Piel) to bless 1d) (Pual) to be blessed, be adored 1e) (Hiphil) to cause to kneel 1f) (Hithpael) to bless oneself 2) (TWOT) to praise, salute, curse

**Usage:** AV - bless 302, salute 5, curse 4, blaspheme 2, blessing 2, praised 2, kneel down 2, congratulate 1, kneel 1, make to kneel 1, misc 8; 330

Keep – **08104** שָׁמַר shamar {shaw-mar'} **Meaning:** 1) to keep, guard, observe, give heed 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to keep, have charge of 1a2) to keep, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, save life 1a2a) watch, watchman (participle) 1a3) to watch for, wait for 1a4) to watch, observe 1a5) to keep, retain, treasure up (in memory) 1a6) to keep (within bounds), restrain 1a7) to observe, celebrate, keep (sabbath or covenant or commands), perform (vow)

1a8) to keep, preserve, protect 1a9) to keep, reserve 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to be on one's guard, take heed, take care, beware 1b2) to keep oneself, refrain, abstain 1b3) to be kept, be guarded 1c) (Piel) to keep, pay heed 1d) (Hithpael) to keep oneself from

**Usage:** AV - keep 283, observe 46, heed 35, keeper 28, preserve 21, beware 9, mark 8, watchman 8, wait 7, watch 7, regard 5, save 2, misc 9; 468

Nu 6:25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

Shine – **0215** זָרַח {ore}

**Meaning:** 1) to be or become light, shine 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to become light (day) 1a2) to shine (of the sun) 1a3) to become bright 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to be illuminated 1b2) to become lighted up 1c) (Hiphil) 1c1) to give light, shine (of sun, moon, and stars)

1c2) to illumine, light up, cause to shine, shine 1c3) to kindle, light (candle, wood) 1c4) lighten (of the eyes, his law, etc) 1c5) to make shine (of the face)

**Usage:** AV - light 19, shine 14, enlighten 5, break of day 1, fire 1, give 1, glorious 1, kindle 1; 43

Gracious – **02603** נָחַן {khaw-nan'}

**Meaning:** 1) to be gracious, show favour, pity 1a) (Qal) to show favour, be gracious 1b) (Niphal) to be pitied 1c) (Piel) to make gracious, make favourable, be gracious 1d) (Poel) to direct favour to, have mercy on 1e) (Hophal) to be shown favour, be shown consideration 1f) (Hithpael) to seek favour, implore favour 2) to be loathsome

**Usage:** AV - mercy 16, gracious 13, merciful 12, supplication 10, favour 7, besought 4, pity 4, fair 1, favourable 1, favoured 1, misc 9; 78

Nu 6:26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

- Lift up, to turn His face toward you
- To give you His attention
- To give you peace

Peace – **07965** שָׁלוֹם {shaw-lome'} or שָׁלוֹם {shaw-lome'}

**Meaning:** 1) completeness, soundness, welfare, peace 1a) completeness (in number) 1b) safety, soundness (in body) 1c) welfare, health, prosperity 1d) peace, quiet, tranquility, contentment 1e) peace, friendship 1e1) of human relationships 1e2) with God especially in covenant relationship 1f) peace (from war) 1g) peace (as adjective)

**Usage:** AV - peace 175, well 14, peaceably 9, welfare 5, salute + 07592 4, prosperity 4, did 3, safe 3, health 2, peaceable 2, misc 15; 236

Nu 6:27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

YeHoVaH identifies with His people.

YeHoVaH is not ashamed to be the God of His people.

YeHoVaH wants the world to know who His people are.

**Thank you for your Prayers for my family and me.**

The Canadian Family honored their mother's intent and released the money she had donated to the Ministry.

IRS Letter