

THE NAZARITE VOW

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

Num 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:

Num 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.

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

Num 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.

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

Num 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.

Jdg 16:17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

OLD TESTAMENT COUNTERPARTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

1. **Circumcision in the Old Testament:** Fulfilled in Water Baptism in New Testament.

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

Col 2:12 Buried with him in baptism..."

2. **Sabbath:** Fulfilled by receiving the Holy Ghost in New Testament

Isa 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

Isa 28:12 To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

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Nazarite (năz`ərit') [Heb. *nazir*=consecrated], in the Bible, a man dedicated to God. Also means a separated one, a crowned one to God. To consecrate one to God.

1. A vow that they were to denounce the world and its pleasures and its defiling influences.
2. Wholly and special devoted unto God and his service.
3. They entered into a special relationship with God, almost like a priest
4. The parallels between a priest and a Nazarite in the Old Testament

Lev 21:10 And *he that is* the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes;

Lev 21:11 Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother;

Lev 21:12 Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I *am* the LORD.

Crown: *neh'-zer, nay'-zer*

From [H5144](#); properly something *set apart*, that is, (abstractly) *dedication* (of a priest or Nazirite); hence (concretely) unshorn *locks*;

5. To be an Old Testament Priest you had to be a descendent to Aaron and of the tribe of the Levites. And to be a king you had to be a descendent of the tribe of Judah.
6. But a Nazarite vow was open for anyone. In the New Testament Church, a born again believer can be both King and Priest through the blood of Jesus.

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Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Rev 5:10 **And hast made us unto our God kings and priests:** and we shall reign on the earth.

7. Sometimes we look at the word “separation” as from the negative, the unconsecrated say, I can’t do this and I can’t do that. But in the book Romans 1:1 gives us another look at the word separation.

Rom 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

**(Not only separated from the world, but separated UNTO God.
God Says, your mine, you belong to Jesus)**

NAZARITES SEPARATION

1. **Separated from wine:** Symbol of worldly pleasure, we have found our joy in Jesus. I don't have to go and do the things of this world to find my joy; I have found them in Him. "In his right hand there are Pleasure"
2. **Long uncut Hair:** That is a reproach to any man; it shows a willingness to bear a reproach for Jesus sake. They were willing to be a spectacle; no other man in that day had long hair like the Nazarite. A willingness to be laughed at and be made fun of. But they were willing to bear that reproach unto the Lord.

Eze 44:20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.

Eze 44:21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

1Co 11:14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, **it is a shame unto him?**

1Co 11:15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for *her* hair is given her for a covering.

3. **They could not have contact with death:** "touch not the unclean thing, then I will receive you" They could not touch a dead body, not even if was their mother or their father. "Jesus said, you have to love him more than father or mother or you are not worthy of me."

2Co 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

4. **To be an Nazarite was totally voluntary:** No one twisted their arms to be a Nazarite. No one is going to do it for you; you must make up your own mind to serve God. Other may try to tell you, force you, or even try to direct you, **but it is your choice alone.** You must have a spiritual desire and hunger for God, and be personal yielded be consecration to God is absolutely essential.

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5. **The most notable Nazarite in the Bible is Sansom**, but the sad story about Sansom is that he never did make the consecration to be a full-fledged Nazarite. It was done for him by his mother.

6. **So if you are a second or third generation Pentecostal, there comes a point in your life, you have got to say “This is For Me,”** not because mom and dad are coming to church here, but there has to be a personal consecration for yourself.

7. **Sansom was a Nazarite from his mother womb**, but never really got it in his heart, he was a social or cultured Nazarite but not a consecrated Nazarite. He had no convictions for himself, such as hanging around the wrong crowd, because he had not convictions of his own he ended up in the lap of Delilah that became his downfall.

SOCIAL PENTECOSTALS

1. They can run the isles, clap their hands, dress and look Pentecostal, they love the songs, and they enjoy the service and like the preaching for the most part. And they can talk the Pentecostal lingo, but they have no deep personal convictions how to walk and live separated unto God. No deep spiritual depth to them.

2. They have never developed their own personal conviction out of their prayer life. They are social Pentecostals but not spiritual Pentecostals. They flow with the tide of the world and run with the carnal fiends.

3. They can be even active in the work of the Lord, but very seldom seen at the altar. There is no deep praying and crying before God, and spending time in His presence. No crying out for purity and holiness, they are

always out in back of the church talking and laughing while the alter service is going on.

4. **Call to dust and ashes.** How many would go to a meeting that was announced “Dust and Ashes Conference” God is calling the church is this hour to seek his face. Our nation is in trouble, can you hear the call to dust and ashes.

2Ch 7:13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

2Ch 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2Ch 7:15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

Ecc 7:2 *It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.*

Ecc 7:3 *Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.*

Ecc 7:4 *The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.*

Ecc 7:5 *It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.*

Psa 126:1 **A Song of degrees.** When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

Psa 126:2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

Psa 126:3 The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

Psa 126:4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

Psa 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Psa 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

Loved not their lives unto the death

