

# Numbers 6 - Do Something Extraordinary

Num 6:1-2 ESV And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When either a **man or a woman** makes a **special** vow, the vow of a **Nazirite**, to **separate himself to the LORD**

## The Vow of the Nazirite (separated)

- It is for **men or women** ...
- It is **voluntary**
- It is called **SPECIAL** --- KJV if a man or woman **separates** [H6381] themselves to vow
  - A **SPECIAL** vow - **distinguish, great, difficult, wonderful**:
  - signifies, ***"the doing of something extraordinary."***

## Same word for SPECIAL is used in these verses

- Gen 18:14 ESV Is anything too **HARD** for the LORD? [*the miraculous birth of Isaac*]
- Exo 34:10 ESV ...where God spoke of doing **MARVELS**
- Jos 3:5 ESV [Joshua said] ..."tomorrow the LORD will do **WONDERS** among you."
- 2Ch 2:9 ESV ... [Solomon said] for the house I am to build will be great and **WONDERFUL**.
- Gen 49:26 ESV ...**Joseph**...who was **SET APART [Nazir]** from his brothers
- Isa 9:6 ESV ... and his name shall be called **WONDERFUL** Counselor, Mighty God...

## The direction of the separation is UNTO the LORD

4 times in the chapter (Num 6:2, 5, 6 and 12) this phrase is used.... ***"separate himself to the LORD"***

- This vow is ***"doing something extraordinary"*** - maybe difficult, but wonderful, & marvelous
- It is a **VOLUNTARY / EXTRAORDINARY choice to be set apart or holy unto the LORD**

## There were 3 requirements in the vow of the Nazirite

- Vs 3-4 separation from **wine** and anything associated with the grape
- V 5... He shall **not cut his hair**
- V 6... He shall **not go near a dead body**

## The wine - separate myself unto Jesus as my SOURCE of joy and pleasure

Wine was a source of joy & pleasure in those days...served at festive occasions

- Psa 104:15 ESV ... wine to gladden the heart of man ...
- Joh 2 ... wine at the wedding feast of Cana

Cares, riches and pleasures of this life choke the word and it is unfruitful (Mark 4:19)

- **What things take precedent over our lives - and crowd Jesus out**
  - 1Ti 6:17 ESV As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

**JESUS - gave up the glories and riches of heaven to make a way of salvation for us**

## The hair - separate unto Jesus CONTROL of your life

- Letting your hair grow (i.e. not controlling it by cutting it) could represent giving your life over completely to God's control
- And perhaps humility - as hair can be a vain thing (it is a woman's glory 1 Cor 11:15 and outward adorning 1 Pet 3:3)

### **What is keeping me from full surrender to him?**

- Mat 16:25 ESV For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

**JESUS said, to the Father "Not as I will but as you will?"**

## Touching the dead body - separate unto Jesus my TURNING from sin

### **Death is always related to sin**

- Wages of sin is death
- The LORD told Adam - "In the day you eat of the tree you will die"

### **What sin are you unwilling to turn from? ... He wants us to walk in the light as He is in the light**

- 1Jn 1:6-9 ESV If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**JESUS was tempted, but never sinned**

## Vs 8 All the days of his separation he is ***holy to the LORD.***

- 1Pe 1:15 ESV but as he who called you is holy, **you also be holy in all your conduct,**

## The Aaronic Blessing

22 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, 24 The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. 27 "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

Bless - to kneel before - to present a gift

Keep - build a hedge of protection (a sheepfold)

Face - the totality of his person, the wholeness of His being

Shine - light that brings order to chaos, light to darkness

Gracious - to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior; to favor, bestow

Countenance - same as face

Peace - to be made complete and whole

*“Yahweh will kneel before you presenting gifts, and he will guard you with a hedge of protection, Yahweh will illuminate the wholeness of his being toward you, bringing order, and he will provide you with love, sustenance, and friendship, Yahweh will lift up the wholeness of his being and look upon you, and he will set in place all you need to be whole and complete.”*

### True blessing comes only from the LORD

Maybe this prayer is here in this chapter - because if we understood God's heart toward us then it should be easy for us to **Do Something Extraordinary**

- I don't have to look to things that will NEVER SATISFY to satisfy me
- There is no fear in SURRENDERING of my life to Him
- I will want to separate from sin, because I want FELLOWSHIP with Him

### The law of the Nazirite exposes our hearts

It is a simply law, difficult, but wonderful and marvelous...but it DOES leave us exposed to some very deep issues

### May we STIR Ourselves and Take Hold of Him

Isa 64:7 ESV There is no one who calls upon your name, ***who rouses himself to take hold of you;*** for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

### Come for prayer

Make a voluntary choice - don't wait for a call from God - this is simply a **response** from us

1. What are the things that have taken precedent over Christ - that crowd Him out?
2. What are you needing to surrender to Him?
3. Is there some sin he wants you to repent of?
4. ABC's of Salvation