

# The Law of the Nazirite

Numbers 6:1-21

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

<sup>2</sup> "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When either a man or woman consecrates an offering to take the **vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD,**

<sup>3</sup> he shall separate himself from wine and *similar* drink; he shall drink neither vinegar made from wine nor vinegar made from *similar* drink; neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh grapes or raisins.

<sup>4</sup> All the days of his separation **he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine,** from seed to skin.

<sup>5</sup> All the days of the vow of his separation **no razor shall come upon his head;** until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. *Then* he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

<sup>6</sup> All the days that he separates himself to the LORD **he shall not go near a dead body.**

<sup>7</sup> He shall not make himself unclean even for his father or his mother, for his brother or his sister, when they die, because his separation to God *is* on his head.

<sup>8</sup> All the days of his separation he shall be holy to the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> And **if anyone dies very suddenly beside him,** and he defiles his consecrated head, then he shall **shave his head** on the day of his cleansing; on the seventh day he shall shave it.

<sup>10</sup> Then on the eighth day he shall bring **two turtledoves or two young pigeons** to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting;

<sup>11</sup> and the priest shall offer **one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering,** and make atonement for him, because **he sinned in regard to the corpse;** and he shall sanctify his head that same day.

<sup>12</sup> He shall consecrate to the LORD the days of his separation, and **bring a male lamb in its first year as a trespass offering; but the former days shall be lost,** because his separation was defiled.

<sup>13</sup> Now this *is* the law of the Nazirite: When the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought to the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

<sup>14</sup> And he shall present his offering to the LORD: **one male lamb in its first year without blemish as a burnt offering, one ewe lamb in its first year without blemish as a sin offering, one ram without blemish as a peace offering,**

**'a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their grain offering with their drink offerings.**

<sup>16</sup> Then the priest shall bring *them* before the LORD and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering;

<sup>17</sup> and he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of peace offering to the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread; the priest shall also offer its grain offering and its drink offering.

<sup>18</sup> Then the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put *it* on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offering.

<sup>19</sup> And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, one unleavened cake from the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and put *them* upon the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his consecrated *hair,*

<sup>20</sup> and the priest shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD; they *are* holy for the priest, together with the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering. **After that the Nazirite may drink wine.'**

<sup>21</sup> " This is the law of the Nazirite who vows to the LORD the offering for his separation, and besides that, **whatever else his hand is able to provide; according to the vow which he takes, so he must do according to the law of his separation.**" (NKJV)