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Nazarite/Sanctified

Numbers 6:23-24

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when either man or woman shall separate themselves to a vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the Lord:

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 or grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.

Nazarite—Means to be set apart and is explained as a separation unto the Lord.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. He never changes nor does His word. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. What He spoke to the Old Testament saints, goes for the New Testament saints.

Too many times we want to disregard what the Old Testament has to say because we're under Grace, but God said holiness in the Old Testament, and he's saying holiness in the New Testament.

When God created Adam and Eve, they were created in the

image of God and His Son, they were created in holiness. After Adam and Eve disobeyed by eating the forbidden fruit, they died spiritually. They no longer had communion and fellowship with God. Although they were alive physically, they were dead spiritually. God's Spirit and their spirit were no longer joined together.

When God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, He spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai and He gave the law to Moses to give to the children of Israel. One of the laws was when a man or woman dedicated themselves to God in a special way, it was called a Nazarite Law. They would have to abstain from drinking anything that came from the vine or any strong drinks. They weren't allowed to go near dead bodies. As long as they were under the vow they had to abide by the Nazarite Law, because this was a time of consecrating themselves before God. The time of observance of the vow varied from eight days to a month, or even a life time.

The children of Israel were instructed how to live according to God's law, and His law was to be holy because the God they served was Holy. Their vow of being a Nazarite was a special offering dedication they placed upon themselves similar to a fast whereas they abstain from different things.

God instructed the children of Israel to submit themselves to the Lord, meaning they sanctified themselves to the Lord.

Leviticus 20:7-8

Sanctify (consecrate) yourself therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord God.

And ye shall keep my statutes, and to do them. I am the Lord which sanctify (set you apart) you.

God's people were to be different from all the other nations both then and now! Thank God we don't have to wear our hair long or sacrifice animals in order to be a Nazarite. The sacrificial offering we have to offer now is our spirit, soul, mind and body. We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service.

Whenever God chose an individual to lead His people they were separated from the world and consecrated to God. Samson was chosen to deliver the children of Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. Prior to his birth, the angel instructed his mother not to drink wine or any alcoholic beverage or any forbidden food because the child she was carrying would be a Nazarite to God from the womb. The child was sanctified in the mother's womb.

We're not Jews by racial distinction, but according to the word of God we're Jews when we have been

circumcise in our hearts, not by the law, but by the Spirit.

Romans 2:29

But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter, whose praise is not of men, but of God.

If we have been born of the Spirit of God then we are spiritual Jews; and the Law of God was handed down by Moses that we should be holy to the Lord because He is Holy. If we're really one with God then we should be sanctified no matter what denomination we maybe joined to. **(Hebrew 2:11—For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.**

When we fast we're entering in a Nazarite vow to abstain from different things. In order to keep connected with God we must abide by the instructions He has given us in His word. As a child of God we must be different from others. We can't go, do and say the things that Gentiles do and say. God has given us a standard to live by - an insurance policy, the premium is, holiness to God.

Too many of us have forsaken our first love and we try to fit in with the world system. We are in the world, but we are not of the world; and our morals should be that of our Father and not the world morals and standards. Some of us are lukewarm and the word of God states "Because

we're lukewarm, He would spit us out of His mouth". No one wants anything that is lukewarm. If you drink coffee or tea you want it to be hot, you don't want your food to be lukewarm, you want it to be hot, and God wants us to be hot for Him. Luke-warm is basically worthless. Some things we try to drink or eat lukewarm will cause us to be nauseated, and we will spit it out, that's what sin does in the nostrils of God.

God is calling for His people to return to Him in the beauty of holiness. God wants all of us not part of us. We maybe presenting our bodies holy, but our minds are conducting unholy thoughts, our emotions are causing us to harm others by the way we act and talk to them. We say "Your will Lord" but in actuality we're being driven by our will and not the Lord's will.

God wants to manifest Himself in us and through us, but in order for Him to do that, we must become doers of His word. We're busy running here and there trying to receive a word. If only we would spend time with God in prayer, reading His word, He would speak to us directly and we wouldn't need Him to speak to us through someone else.

We're spiritual discriminating others because one speaks in tongues and the other doesn't. Tongues isn't a sign for those that believe, it's a sign for those that don't believe. Tongues or any of the other gifts are operated by the Holy Spirit. So whether we speak in tongues or not, the Holy Spirit must be

dwelling in our human bodies in order for us to be children of God. **(Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ: he is none of his.**

In order to worship God in Spirit and in truth, we must be born-again. To overcome Satan's attacks, and the pulling of worldly desires, God's Spirit must be encircled around our human spirit. It's time out for attending church and not seeing a difference in our spiritual growth. God has already given us His promise. Jesus came that we might have life and that more abundantly. Now it's time for us to step up to the plate and do our job. Our job is to attend church on a regular basis, attending with a expectation and not socialization. We have to have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. The church isn't the building, it's the body of believers. Every time we attend church God is saying something to us either corporately or individually.

Take time throughout the day to give God a praise and a prayer. Instead of taking an hour to eat lunch, give God thirty-minutes of your time by reading His word or find a place where you can pray without being disturb and not causing attention to yourself. We tithe our monies, we should also tithe our time in having fellowship with the Lord.

There is nothing good in our flesh or our human spirit. In

order for the Spirit to dominate our human spirit and our physical bodies, we must have a persistent and consistent prayer life as well as reading the Bible. There is nothing wrong with listening to gospel music, but even now we must be sure the music is ministering to our spirit and not our flesh. The majority of the music now isn't worship, it makes you think you're worshipping God, but in reality you're worshipping the music and not the Lord.

As a child of God we can't watch everything on television. Television is like Satan, it influences the believer to chose to disobey what God has instructed them to do. According to television it's ok to murder, rape, steal, look at pornography, cheat on your spouse, entertain dead people, make a god of yourself. As born-again Christians we must be watchful, prayerful, and discern what spirit is influencing us. ***(John 3:11—Beloved follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God, but he that doeth evil hath not seen God).***

Dust off your Bible and begin to apply the word of God into your spirit. It's good to memorize scriptures, but if the scripture is memorize, and hasn't been applied to your heart, will, and spirit, your life will not change.

If you're behaving in a way that does not magnify God, then you need deliverance, be truthful to yourself and repent and ask God to deliver you from the unclean spirits you're housing.

God is just a prayer away, He's waiting on you to confess your fault, and to submit yourself to Him.

Creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God to dominate and take authority over physical, mental and emotional sickness. Power to resurrect the physical and spiritual dead. Power to love in spite of, longsuffering to work with people until Christ be formed in them. Boldness to rebuke when its needed. Denying ourselves in order to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Spiritual discernment to look within the spirit of an individual and not discerning their outer appearance because they don't look like we want them to look or according to our tradition. The power to destroy spiritual demonic kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, to destroy, and throw down, to build and plant.

To get in a position with God where He will hasten to perform His word for us. We're speaking the word, but nothing is manifested because the spirit that is speaking is not connect with God's spirit.

Apostle, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, Prophets, Bishops, Elders, and Missionaries, if you have been chosen, and sent by God, you have a responsibility to direct God's people by precept and example. If you're slipping, tipping, and sliding the people you minister to will be doing the same, because the spirit that's in you will overflow to them. God is calling for the leaders to be holy, having a life of prayer

and dedication to Him in order to hear from Him. How can you hear from Him if you're not spending time with Him? How can you watch over souls when your soul haven't been committed to God.

God is concerned about souls. He's not concerned about your title or position, but can we win a soul to Christ. Is one planting, and watering so God can give the increase or are we striving to excel in the things of the world?

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