

Numbers 6:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Analysis

This introduces the Nazirite vow, a voluntary consecration to God for a specified period. The Hebrew 'nazir' means 'separated' or 'consecrated,' emphasizing complete devotion to Yahweh. This provision allowed any Israelite, male or female, to take a special vow of dedication, demonstrating that holiness was accessible beyond the priesthood.

Historical Context

Given during Israel's wilderness period, this law provided a way for laypeople to demonstrate extraordinary devotion to God. Notable Nazirites include Samson, Samuel, and John the Baptist, though Jesus drank wine and was not technically a Nazirite despite being from Nazareth.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does voluntary consecration to God look like in your life today?
2. How does the accessibility of holiness to all people prefigure the priesthood of all believers?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּדֶבֶר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	לֵאמֹר:
spake	And the LORD	^{H413}	unto Moses	saying
H1696	H3068		H4872	H559

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