

# Numbers 6:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

## Analysis

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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

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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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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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

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**spake**    **And the LORD**

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**unto Moses**

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**saying**

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