

Numbers 6:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And this is the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

Analysis

The completion of the Nazirite vow required bringing offerings at the tabernacle door, demonstrating that voluntary consecration must culminate in worship and sacrifice. The vow's fulfillment involved costly offerings (lamb, ewe, ram, unleavened bread), showing that devotion to God requires substantial commitment. The transition from the vow period to normal life was marked by formal ritual, teaching that consecration periods should end intentionally, not drift away casually. All service to God deserves proper conclusion and thanksgiving.

Historical Context

The vow's completion ceremony occurred at the tabernacle (later temple) entrance, requiring the Nazirite's presence there. This necessitated travel to the central sanctuary, often from considerable distance. The elaborate offerings (detailed in verses 14-17) made the Nazirite vow economically significant, limiting it to those who could afford the sacrifices. The Apostle Paul participated in such a ceremony (Acts 21:23-26), demonstrating the practice continued into the New Testament era.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does the requirement for costly offerings at the vow's completion challenge superficial commitment to God?
2. What spiritual practices or seasons of special consecration might God be calling you to embrace?

Interlinear Text

וְאַתָּה תָּמֹךְ תְּנַצֵּר יְמִינְךָ יְמִינָה מְלָאת יְמִינָה
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בְּנֵר וְאַתָּה יְבִיא אֶל פָּתָח אֶל כָּל
of his separation he shall be brought H853 H413 H6607 H168
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of the congregation H4150

Additional Cross-References

Acts 21:26 (Temple): Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.