

# Numbers 6:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

This is the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, and of his offering unto the LORD for his separation, beside that that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

## Analysis

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The summary statement establishes that the prescribed offerings are the minimum for a Nazirite vow—basic requirements before the Lord. However, it allows for exceeding this baseline according to ability, showing that while God sets standards, generosity beyond requirement is commended. The language 'according to his vow which he vowed' emphasizes personal commitment—the Nazirite chose this consecration voluntarily. This reflects the Reformed understanding that God commands obedience but also receives voluntary expressions of love beyond bare requirement.

## Historical Context

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Wealthy Nazirites could offer more than the minimum, while poor Nazirites needed only to fulfill the basic requirements. This mirrors the graduated scale of certain offerings throughout Leviticus, ensuring that economic status didn't prevent participation in worship while still allowing the wealthy to give generously.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

### Study Questions

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1. How does the allowance for offerings beyond the minimum challenge Christians to generous devotion?
2. What does the voluntary nature of the Nazirite vow teach about chosen consecration versus mere duty?
3. In what ways should economic ability affect the expression, but not the genuineness, of our worship?

### Interlinear Text

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זֶה	תּוֹבֵת	הַנָּזִיר	אֲשֶׁר	יָדָר	קָרְבָּנוֹ
H2063	<b>This is the law</b>	<b>of the Nazirite</b>	H834	<b>which he vowed</b>	<b>and of his offering</b>
	H8451	H5139		H5087	H7133
לַיהוָה	עַל	נִזְרוֹ:	מִלֶּבֶד	אֲשֶׁר	תֵּשֶׁ יֵג
<b>unto the LORD</b>	H5921	<b>for his separation</b>	H905	H834	<b>shall get</b>
H3068		H5145			H5381
יָדָר	כַּפִּי	נִדְרוֹ	אֲשֶׁר	יָדָר	כִּן
<b>beside that that his hand</b>	<b>according</b>	<b>to the vow</b>	H834	<b>which he vowed</b>	H3651
H3027	H6310	H5088		H5087	
יַעֲשֶׂה	עַל	תּוֹבֵת	נִזְרוֹ:		
<b>so he must do</b>	H5921	<b>This is the law</b>	<b>for his separation</b>		
H6213		H8451	H5145		