

Numbers 6:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk.

Analysis

The prohibition extended even to grape seeds and skins, demonstrating total separation from anything associated with the vine. This comprehensive avoidance teaches that genuine consecration affects every detail of life. The Hebrew emphasis on completeness ('all the days of his separation') shows that half-hearted devotion contradicts the nature of the vow.

Historical Context

Grapes were one of Canaan's primary crops, making this restriction particularly challenging. The Nazirite had to remain vigilant, as grape products were ubiquitous in Israelite society, much like smartphone use today.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. In what areas of life do you settle for partial obedience rather than complete consecration?
2. How might attention to small details reflect the sincerity of your devotion?

Interlinear Text

כָּל יְמֵי נִזְרָה	אֲשֶׁר מִכֶּל	וְעַשְׂתָּה
H3605 All the days of his separation	H3605 H834	H6213 nothing that is made
H3117	H5145	H6213
מִתְּרוּצָה יְמִינָה וְעַד לְאַכְלָה	מִתְּרוּצָה יְמִינָה וְעַד לְאַכְלָה	
מִתְּרוּצָה יְמִינָה וְעַד לְאַכְלָה	H5704 H2085 H3808	H398 shall he eat
H1612	H3196	H2785

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 6:5 (Parallel theme): All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

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