

# Numbers 6:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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The uncut hair served as the visible sign of the Nazirite vow, representing glory given to God rather than personal vanity. Hair in ancient culture symbolized strength and vitality (as with Samson), so allowing it to grow unchecked was a public declaration of dependence on God's strength rather than one's own. The requirement to be 'holy' (Hebrew 'qadosh') emphasizes separation unto God.

## Historical Context

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In the ancient world, hairstyles often denoted social status and military prowess. The Nazirite's distinctive appearance would have constantly reminded both himself and others of his special consecration to the Lord.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What visible markers in your life demonstrate your commitment to Christ?
2. How can you redirect attention from yourself to God in areas where you're naturally talented?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 1:11** (References Lord): And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

**Judges 16:17** (Parallel theme): That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

**Judges 13:5** (Parallel theme): For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

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