

Numbers 6:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All the days of his separation he is holy unto the LORD.

Analysis

The phrase 'all the days of his separation he is holy unto the LORD' establishes time-bound consecration. The Hebrew *kadosh* (holy) means set apart for divine purposes. The Nazirite's holiness was not inherent but positional—derived from separation unto God. This pictures justification where believers are declared holy through union with Christ, not through inherent righteousness. The time limitation shows that Old Covenant holiness remained external and temporary, awaiting Christ's work that would internalize and eternalize holiness for His people.

Historical Context

The duration of typical Nazirite vows is not specified in Scripture, though Jewish tradition later standardized them at 30 days minimum. The vow's temporary nature made priestly-level holiness accessible to laypersons without requiring permanent lifestyle changes. This foreshadowed the priesthood of all believers under the New Covenant (1 Peter 2:9).

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does positional holiness (declared by God) differ from progressive holiness (worked out in life)?
2. What role do temporary spiritual disciplines play in deepening our consecration?
3. How has Christ's work made permanent what was temporary under the Old Covenant?

Interlinear Text

לִיהְיוֹן כֶּל יְמִינֵי בְּזִיר וְקָדְשׁוּ הַוְאָן לִיהְיוֹן:
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