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Nazariteship for Today!

Outline

Number 6, Amos 2:11

Numbers 6: 1-8

1. Nazarite – means “separation” or “consecration.” Carries the thought of “holiness” and separation “unto the Lord.”
 - a. Separating oneself to make the vow
 - b. Separating oneself unto God
2. The Nazarite Vow
 - a. What is a vow?
 - b. It is a voluntary vow.
 - i. Nothing is forced upon the individual
 - c. Available to both man or woman
 - i. No restrictions based upon gender or spirituality
3. Separation from certain things
 - a. No wine or strong drink (Natural or earthly joy) – Why?
 - i. From the vine tree
 - ii. From the kernels, even to the husks
 - b. No razor to shave his head (Submission to the will of another) – Why?
 - i. The locks of his hair are to grow long
 - ii. Until the end of the period of his Nazariteship
 - c. No contact with a dead body (Sin and corruption) – Why?
 - i. No defilement; not for father or mother; sister or brother
 - ii. The consecration of his God is upon his head
 1. All the days of his Nazariteship, he is holy unto the Lord

If a person deviated from the vow he made unto the Lord, he must start over because he defiled the head of his consecration. He must shave his head (hair), because this was the symbol of his separation. This was done in public at the door of the Tabernacle.

4. The Nazarite defilement/ sin from a dead body – Verses 9- 12
 - a. Uncleaness from being near a dead body
 - i. Reminds us of things that are dead towards God
 1. Connection to the old creation, old nature, the flesh
 - ii. Six days – Nazarite mourns over the defilement/ sin
 - iii. The 7th day – Nazarite shaves his head
 - iv. The 8th day – Nazarite brings an offering
 1. Two turtle doves or two young pigeons
 2. One as a sin offering, the other as a burnt offering
 3. Other offerings also, which speak of Christ

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4. All the days that were previously fulfilled before he was defiled are lost as though they did not happen; he can begin again
5. The fulfillment of the vow of the Nazarite – Verses 13-20
 - i. The Nazarite brought before the door of the Tabernacle
 1. Offerings unto the Lord; sin, burnt, meal, peace and drink offerings
 2. Shaving of the head
 - a. The shaved hair put in the fire with peace offerings
 - ii. The priest waves the hands of the Nazarite with his offering and in waving the odor is released.
 - iii. The Nazarite can drink wine afterwards - enjoyment

Nazariteship lessons from the life of Samson *Judges 13:1-7, 24, 25; Judges 14: 1-10; Judges 16: 1-19; 21-25, 30, 31*

1. Manoah's wife a Nazarite – Judges 13:1-7
 - a. A barren woman
 - b. A mother who was to separated unto God
 - c. The promised deliverer was to be a Nazarite
 - i. Nothing to negatively impact/ defile the unborn child
 1. No wine or strong drink
 2. Eat no unclean thing
2. Samson
 - a. A Nazarite
 - i. Unto God
 - ii. From the womb to the day of his death
3. Samson begins well – Judges 13:24, 25
 - a. Samson – little sun
 - b. The child grew
 - c. The Lord blessed him
 - d. The Spirit of the Lord
 - i. Moved him at times in the camp of Dan
 1. Between Zorah and Eshtaol
4. Samson's Failure # 1 – natural desires/ earthly pleasure – Judges 14:1-10
 - a. He goes down to Timnath
 - i. Sees a woman, of the daughters of the Philistines
 - ii. The caution flag raised – “is there never a woman among the daughters of your brethren?”
 - iii. She “pleases” me well.
 - iv. They travel as a family to the “vineyards” of Timnath

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1. What is a Nazarite doing there?
- v. The young lion killed
 1. He hides it from his parents
 2. He takes of the honey in the carcass of the lion
 3. He shares the honey with his parents; they did eat
5. Samson Failure # 2 – Death, Corruption and Defilement – Judges 16:1-3
 - a. Samson in Gaza
 - i. Sees a harlot
 - ii. Goes in unto her
 - iii. It was told to the Gazites
 1. They lie in wait to defeat him
 - b. Samson playing with the enemies of Israel
 - i. While they wait for the morning, he is active at midnight
 - ii. Moves defiantly in his natural strength
 - iii. Slips through their hands
6. Samson Failure # 3 - Self-willed, no submission to God – Judges 16:4-19
 - a. Samson in the valley of Sorek -
 - i. He *loved* a woman named Delilah
 - ii. She loved money – 1100 pieces of silver
 - b. Samson plays with fire (Delilah)
 - i. Tell me the source of your strength
 1. Bind me with 7 green withs never dried
 2. Bind me fast with new ropes never occupied
 3. Weave the seven locks of my head with the web
 - ii. Delilah's response "you don't love me!"
 1. She pressed him daily with her words, urged him
 2. His soul was vexed unto death
 - iii. Samson's response
 1. He told her all his heart
 - a. No razor has come upon my head
 - b. I am a Nazarite
 - i. If I am shorn, my strength will go from me
 - ii. I shall become weak
 - iii. I will be like any other man
7. God's Judgment – Judges 16: 21-25, 30, 31
 - a. Samson, a Nazarite with no strength
 - i. Falls into the hand of the enemy
 - ii. They put out his eyes
 - iii. Bound with fetters

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- iv. Grind out in the prison house
- v. Enemy gave praise to Dagon, their god
 - 1. He delivered Samson to us
- vi. 3,000 men and women made sport of him
- b. Samson, the Nazarite
 - i. Remember me, I pray thee; strengthen me
 - ii. Let me avenge my eyes and die with them
 - iii. His body was claimed by his family
 - 1. Buried between Zorah and Eshtaol
 - 2. He judged Israel 20 years