

Announcements

- Registration is now open to sign up for the Winter Training in Anaheim. Please sign up with the bookroom.
- A church van will drive to Anaheim for the winter training. The cost will be \$100 to cover gas and leave on Saturday (12/22). If the saints stay in close proximity to the Ministry Conference Center, we can help shuttle to and from the training meetings back to hospitality.
- Do not park in the Presbyterian lot.
- We will cover week 18 in the HWMR in Leviticus; copies are available in the bookroom.
- We are reading messages 9 and 10 from the Life-Study of Numbers. The reading schedule is on the table and posted on the church website.
- The Wednesday night ministry meeting webcast will 7:30 pm at the following locations:
 - Smith - South Bellevue, (206) 914-3447, in English
 - Chang - Overlake, (425) 830-3900, in Korean
 - Wang - South Bellevue, (425) 653-2249, in Chinese
 - Lu - Kirkland, (206) 696-2543, in Chinese

Burdens for Prayer

- Sherman traveling to Paraguay
- England Training Center
- Germany
- Meeting hall modifications (parking)

This Week: October 15 – October 21		
Morning Revival: <i>Crystallization-study of Leviticus</i> , week 18		
Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Issaquah & Sammamish Upstairs – Sammamish & Somerset		
Tuesday	10:00 am	Sisters' prayer meeting
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Prayer meeting
Saturday	8:30am	Breakfast
Lord's Day	9:30 am	Lord's Table
October		
12-14	Junior High Boys' Retreat	
19-21	High School Retreat	
27	One-day college outing	
November		
2-4	Junior High Girls' Retreat	
9-11	Puget Sound Conference	

LIFE-STUDY OF NUMBERS

Message Eight

BEING FORMED INTO AN ARMY (7)

VII. TO BE SANCTIFIED—TO BE A NAZARITE

God desires that all of His people be Nazarites. To be a Nazarite is to be sanctified absolutely and ultimately to God. To be sanctified in this way is to be for nothing other than God.

The section on dealing with defilement shows us that God wants His people to be clean, righteous, and faithful. The test for chastity indicates that God wants us to love only Him, to love Him with our heart, with our mind, emotion, and will, and with our physical strength (Mark 12:30). He wants us to have no one else and nothing else other than Him as our first love and our unique love. Even if we love Him in such a way, we still may not be absolutely and ultimately for Him.

We may use married life as an illustration of loving the Lord without being absolutely for Him. God might have favored you with a wife who truly loves you. However, although she loves you and is altogether chaste toward you, she may not be utterly, absolutely, and ultimately for you. Even the most loving wife is still somewhat for herself in certain things.

The matter of the Nazarite is a test of our absoluteness. If we would be a Nazarite, we must be absolutely, utterly, and ultimately for God.

A. Signifying the Lord Jesus in His Living for God in His Humanity

According to typology, among the human race the unique Nazarite is the Lord Jesus. Hence, a Nazarite is a type of Christ. A Nazarite signifies the Lord Jesus in His living for God in His humanity.

B. By Making a Special Vow to Separate Oneself to God

Numbers 6:2 speaks of a man or a woman making "a special vow, the vow of a Nazarite, to separate himself to Jehovah." Here we see that a Nazarite is sanctified by making a special vow to separate himself to God. At times we might have made a vow to the Lord, but it might not have been very strong or absolute, and we might not have kept it. Can you make a vow and be faithful to it for your whole life?

1. Separating, Sanctifying, Oneself to God Following the Dealing with All the Defilements

There is a difference between separation and sanctification. Separation is on the negative side, and sanctification is on the positive side. On the negative side, we separate ourselves from the worldly people. On the positive side, we sanctify ourselves; that is, we give ourselves to God. First we are separated, and then we are sanctified.

Separating, sanctifying, oneself to God should follow the dealing with all the defilements (chapter five). This is logical, for the dealing with defilement should precede the vow of the Nazarite.

2. The Priests Being Such by Birth

The priests, who are such by birth, are ordained by God out of His initiation. A priest must be a Nazarite, a person absolutely for God. This is according to God's ordination. One's becoming a priest is a matter of God's initiation; it does not depend on what the person does but on what God does concerning him.

3. The Nazarites Becoming Such by a Vow

The Nazarite, who becomes such by a vow, is separated to God by himself out of his initiation. This means that a person is not a Nazarite by birth but can make himself a Nazarite by making a special vow. Thus, the priests are ordained by God out of His initiation, but the Nazarites become such by a vow out of their own initiation. Today we are in the Lord's recovery out of God's initiation and also out of our initiation. Both are needed.

4. The Accomplishing of God's Purpose

Requiring Man's Cooperation to Complement God's Ordination

The accomplishment of God's purpose requires man's cooperation to complement God's ordination. This is illustrated by the case of Samuel. Samuel was a Nazarite who complemented the deficient Eli, a priest ordained by God. In his old age Eli had certain deficiencies. However, Samuel, out of his own initiation, came in to fill up the gap caused by Eli's deficiencies and thereby to complement the deficient Eli.

Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, October 14 th	Acts 10:34-48
Monday, October 15 th	Acts 11:1-18
Tuesday, October 16 th	Acts 11:19-30
Wednesday, October 17 th	Acts 12:1-25
Thursday, October 18 th	Acts 13:1-12
Friday, October 19 th	Acts 13:13-43
Saturday, October 20 th	Acts 13:44 – 14:5