

Outline of the Messages for the Memorial Day Conference

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GENERAL SUBJECT: THE HEAVENLY VISION

Message Six

The Vision of Consecration

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Scripture Reading: Lev. 1:3-4a, 9, 16; 6:8-13; 7:8; 8:18; Num. 6:1-9, 22-27; Acts 1:12-14; 26:19

- Lev 1:3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall present it, a male without blemish; he shall present it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah.
- Lev 1:4a And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, ...
- Lev 1:9 But its inward parts and its legs he shall wash with water. Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- Lev 1:16 And he shall take away its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar toward the east, in the place of the ashes.
- Lev 6:8 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Lev 6:9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: The burnt offering shall be on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it.
- Lev 6:10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen trousers he shall put on his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has consumed the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.
- Lev 6:11 Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.
- Lev 6:12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it must not go out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it and shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it.
- Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.
- Lev 7:8 And the priest who presents anyone's burnt offering, that priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has presented.
- Lev 8:18 And he presented the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.
- Num 6:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 6:2 Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazarite, to separate himself to Jehovah,
- Num 6:3 He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine or vinegar of strong drink, nor shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh or dried grapes.
- Num 6:4 All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grape vine, from the seeds even to the skin.
- Num 6:5 All the days of his vow of separation no razor shall pass over his head. He shall be holy until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to Jehovah; he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.
- Num 6:6 All the days that he separates himself to Jehovah he shall not come near a dead person.
- Num 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is upon his head.
- Num 6:8 All the days of his separation he is holy to Jehovah.
- Num 6:9 And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him so that he defiles the head of his separation, then he shall shave his head on the day he becomes clean; on the seventh day shall he shave it.
- Num 6:22 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 6:23 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the children of Israel; you shall say to them,
- Num 6:24 Jehovah bless you and keep you;
- Num 6:25 Jehovah make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
- Num 6:26 Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- Num 6:27 So shall they put My name upon the children of Israel, that I Myself may bless them.
- Acts 1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

- Acts 1:13 And when they entered, they went up to the upper room where they were residing, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the brother of James.
- Acts 1:14 These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.
- Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

I. The burnt offering (Lev. 1:1-17) typifies Christ not mainly in His redeeming man from sin but in His living a life that is perfect and absolutely for God and for God's satisfaction (vv. 3-4a, 9; John 5:19, 30; 6:38; 7:18; 8:29; 14:24) and in His being the life that enables God's people to have such a living (2 Cor. 5:14-15; Gal. 2:19-20; Eph. 4:20-21):

- Lev 1:1 Then Jehovah called to Moses and spoke to him out of the Tent of Meeting, saying,
- Lev 1:2 Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When any one of you presents an offering to Jehovah, you shall present your offering from the cattle, of the herd or of the flock.
- Lev 1:3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall present it, a male without blemish; he shall present it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah.
- Lev 1:4 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him, to make expiation for him.
- Lev 1:5 And he shall slaughter the young bull before Jehovah; and Aaron's sons the priests shall present the blood and sprinkle the blood on and around the altar that is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
- Lev 1:6 And he shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces.
- Lev 1:7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange the wood in order on the fire.
- Lev 1:8 Then Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar;
- Lev 1:9 But its inward parts and its legs he shall wash with water. Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- Lev 1:10 And if his offering is from the flock, of the sheep or of the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall present it, a male without blemish.
- Lev 1:11 And he shall slaughter it on the side of the altar northward before Jehovah, and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle its blood on and around the altar.
- Lev 1:12 And he shall cut it into its pieces with its head and its fat, and the priest shall arrange them in order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar;
- Lev 1:13 But the inward parts and the legs he shall wash with water. Then the priest shall present the whole and burn it on the altar; it is a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- Lev 1:14 And if his offering to Jehovah is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall present his offering of turtledoves or of young pigeons.
- Lev 1:15 And the priest shall present it at the altar and wring off its head and burn it on the altar; and its blood shall be drained out on the side of the altar.
- Lev 1:16 And he shall take away its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar toward the east, in the place of the ashes.
- Lev 1:17 Then he shall tear it open by its wings without dividing it, and the priest shall burn it on the altar on the wood that is on the fire; it is a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son can do nothing from Himself except what He sees the Father doing, for whatever that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner.
- John 5:30 I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.
- John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.
- John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him, this One is true, and unrighteousness is not in Him.
- John 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.

- John 14:24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.
- 2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died;
- 2 Cor 5:15 And He died for all that those who live may no longer live to themselves but to Him who died for them and has been raised.
- Gal 2:19 For I through law have died to law that I might live to God.
- Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- Eph 4:20 But you did not so learn Christ,
- Eph 4:21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus,
- A. The burnt offering is God's food so that God may enjoy it and so that it will satisfy Him as "a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah"—Lev. 1:9b; Num. 28:2; cf. 2 Cor. 2:14-15; 2 Kings 4:8-10.
- Lev 1:9b ... Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- Num 28:2 Command the children of Israel and say to them, My offering, My food for My offerings by fire of a satisfying fragrance to Me, you shall be careful to present to Me at its appointed time.
- 2 Cor 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in the Christ and manifests the savor of the knowledge of Him through us in every place.
- 2 Cor 2:15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God in those who are being saved and in those who are perishing:
- 2 Kings 4:8 And one day Elisha was passing through Shunem; and there was a wealthy woman there, who compelled him to have a meal. So whenever he passed through, he would turn aside and have a meal there.
- 2 Kings 4:9 And she said to her husband, Now I know that this man who continually passes through unto us is a holy man of God.
- 2 Kings 4:10 Let us make a little walled upper room and put a bed and a table and a chair and a lamp for him; and when he comes to us, he can turn aside there.
- B. This offering was to be offered daily, in the morning and in the evening—Exo. 29:38-42; Lev. 6:8-13; Num. 28:2-4.
- Exo 29:38 Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old, each day continually.
- Exo 29:39 The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight.
- Exo 29:40 And with the one lamb a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mingled with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering.
- Exo 29:41 And the other lamb you shall offer at twilight; you shall offer it with the meal offering and its drink offering as in the morning, for a satisfying fragrance, an offering by fire to Jehovah.
- Exo 29:42 It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting before Jehovah, where I will meet with you to speak to you there.
- Lev 6:8 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Lev 6:9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: The burnt offering shall be on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it.
- Lev 6:10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen trousers he shall put on his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has consumed the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.
- Lev 6:11 Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.
- Lev 6:12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it must not go out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it and shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it.
- Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.
- Num 28:2 Command the children of Israel and say to them, My offering, My food for My offerings by fire of a satisfying fragrance to Me, you shall be careful to present to Me at its appointed time.

- Num 28:3 And you shall say to them, This is the offering by fire which you shall present to Jehovah: two male lambs a year old without blemish each day as a continual burnt offering.
- Num 28:4 One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight;
- C. The ram of the burnt offering signifies the strong Christ as our burnt offering for the assuming of our New Testament priesthood (Lev. 8:18); this offering, the ram of consecration (v. 22; 7:37 and footnote 1), reminds us that as serving ones we must be absolute for God, yet we are not; thus, we need to take Christ daily as our burnt offering for our priestly service (6:12; cf. Heb. 10:5-10).
- Lev 8:18 And he presented the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.
- Lev 8:22 And he presented the other ram, the ram of consecration, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.
- Lev 7:37 This is the law of the burnt offering and of the meal offering and of the sin offering and of the trespass offering and of the consecration and of the sacrifice of peace offerings,
note 1 Lit., filling (of hands). So also throughout the book, unless otherwise noted. The consecration here is not a sixth offering; rather, the five offerings are for the consecration of Aaron and his sons to serve God as priests (cf. Exo. 29 and notes). At the time of consecration God assigned these offerings, in different aspects, for the priests' enjoyment. The word in vv. 37-38 signifies that our consecration for the priesthood must be with the all-inclusive Christ as all the five offerings and according to their regulations.
- Lev 6:12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it must not go out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it and shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it.
- Heb 10:5 Therefore, coming into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.
- Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not delight.
- Heb 10:7 Then I said, Behold, I have come (in the roll of the book it is written concerning Me) to do Your will, O God."
- Heb 10:8 Saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not desire nor delight in" (which are offered according to the law),
- Heb 10:9 He then has said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first that He may establish the second,
- Heb 10:10 By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- D. The laying on of hands on the head of the burnt offering signifies our identification, our union, with Christ; by laying our hands on Christ as our offering, we are joined to Him, and He and we become one—Lev. 1:4a:
- Lev 1:4a And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, ...
1. In such a union all our weaknesses, defects, and faults are taken on by Him, and all His virtues become ours; this requires us to exercise our spirit through the proper prayer so that we may be one with Him in an experiential way—1 Cor. 6:17.
1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
 2. When we lay our hands on Christ through prayer, the life-giving Spirit, who is the very Christ on whom we lay our hands (15:45; 2 Cor. 3:6, 17), will immediately move and work within us to live in us a life that is a repetition of the life that Christ lived on earth, the life of the burnt offering (Gal. 6:17).
1 Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
2 Cor 3:6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
Gal 6:17 Henceforth let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the brands of Jesus.
- E. We need to take Christ as our burnt offering daily (Num. 28:3-4; Lev. 1:2-4; 6:12-13; cf. 2 Tim. 1:6) so that we may experience Christ in His experiences as the burnt offering, not

imitating Christ outwardly but living Him in our daily life—2 Cor. 5:14-15; Phil. 1:19-21; Acts 27:22-25; 28:3-9; 1 Cor. 1:9.

- Num 28:3 And you shall say to them, This is the offering by fire which you shall present to Jehovah: two male lambs a year old without blemish each day as a continual burnt offering.
- Num 28:4 One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight;
- Lev 1:2 Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When any one of you presents an offering to Jehovah, you shall present your offering from the cattle, of the herd or of the flock.
- Lev 1:3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall present it, a male without blemish; he shall present it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah.
- Lev 1:4 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him, to make expiation for him.
- Lev 6:12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it must not go out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it and shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it.
- Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.
- 2 Tim 1:6 For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
- 2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died;
- 2 Cor 5:15 And He died for all that those who live may no longer live to themselves but to Him who died for them and has been raised.
- Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- Acts 27:22 And now I advise you to cheer up, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.
- Acts 27:23 For this very night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood by me,
- Acts 27:24 Saying, Do not fear, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.
- Acts 27:25 Therefore, cheer up, men, for I believe God that it shall be so, even in the way in which it has been spoken to me.
- Acts 28:3 But when Paul had collected a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened onto his hand.
- Acts 28:4 And when the natives saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to one another, Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, whom, though he has been brought safely out of the sea, Justice has not allowed to live.
- Acts 28:5 However he shook off the snake into the fire and suffered no harm;
- Acts 28:6 And they expected that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited for a long time and beheld nothing unusual happening to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.
- Acts 28:7 Now in the vicinity of that place were the lands of the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and gave us hospitality three days in a friendly way.
- Acts 28:8 And the father of Publius was lying down sick with fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him, and having prayed and laid his hands on him, healed him.
- Acts 28:9 And when this happened, the rest also in the island who had sicknesses came to him and were healed.
- 1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

F. As we continually take Christ as our burnt offering, the more the outward expression of His beauty is ascribed to us for His magnification (Lev. 7:8; Psa. 90:17; Exo. 28:2; Phil. 1:20), and the more we enjoy Christ as our enveloping power to cover, protect, and preserve us (4:13; 2 Cor. 12:9).

Lev 7:8 And the priest who presents anyone's burnt offering, that priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has presented.

- Psa 90:17 And let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, / And establish the work of our hands upon us; / Indeed the work of our hands, establish it.
- Exo 28:2 And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.
- Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil 4:13 I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me.
- 2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

G. The fire on the altar of burnt offering should be kept burning continually; “it must not go out” (Lev. 6:8-13); day by day and on many occasions, we need to offer ourselves in Christ to God as a continual burnt offering to be burned by Him so that we may burn others—cf. Rom. 12:1-2; Num. 28:3-4, 9-11, 19, 26-27; 29:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 39-40.

- Lev 6:8 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Lev 6:9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: The burnt offering shall be on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it.
- Lev 6:10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen trousers he shall put on his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has consumed the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.
- Lev 6:11 Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.
- Lev 6:12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it must not go out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it and shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it.
- Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.
- Rom 12:1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.
- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
- Num 28:3 And you shall say to them, This is the offering by fire which you shall present to Jehovah: two male lambs a year old without blemish each day as a continual burnt offering.
- Num 28:4 One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight;
- Num 28:9 And on the Sabbath day two male lambs a year old without blemish, and two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, mingled with oil, and its drink offering -
- Num 28:10 This is the burnt offering of every Sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.
- Num 28:11 And at the beginnings of your months you shall present a burnt offering to Jehovah: two bulls of the herd and one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish;
- Num 28:19 But you shall present an offering by fire, a burnt offering to Jehovah: two bulls of the herd and one ram and seven male lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish for you;
- Num 28:26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when you present a new meal offering to Jehovah in your Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor;
- Num 28:27 But you shall present a burnt offering for a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah: two bulls of the herd, one ram, seven male lambs a year old;
- Num 29:1 Now in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor. It is a day of blowing of trumpets for you.
- Num 29:2 And you shall offer a burnt offering for a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah: one bull of the herd, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish;
- Num 29:7 And on the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall afflict your souls; you shall not do any work.
- Num 29:8 And you shall present a burnt offering to Jehovah for a satisfying fragrance: one bull of the herd, one ram, seven male lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish for you;
- Num 29:12 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor, and you shall hold a feast to Jehovah seven days.

- Num 29:13 And you shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah: thirteen bulls of the herd, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish;
- Num 29:39 These you shall offer to Jehovah in your appointed feasts, besides your vows and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings and for your meal offerings and for your drink offerings and for your peace offerings.
- Num 29:40 And Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- H. This kind of consecration is an “upper room” consecration, a consecration in which we are “married to” and beside ourselves with the heavenly vision of God’s eternal economy—Acts 1:12-14; Rev. 3:18; Acts 26:19-29.
- Acts 1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.
- Acts 1:13 And when they entered, they went up to the upper room where they were residing, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the brother of James.
- Acts 1:14 These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.
- Rev 3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.
- Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,
- Acts 26:20 But declared both to those in Damascus first and in Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea and to the Gentiles that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance.
- Acts 26:21 Because of these things certain Jews seized me while I was in the temple and tried to slay me.
- Acts 26:22 Having therefore obtained the help which is from God, I have stood unto this day, testifying both to small and great, saying nothing apart from the things which both the prophets and Moses have said would take place,
- Acts 26:23 That the Christ would suffer and that He, being the first to rise from the dead, would announce light both to the people and to the Gentiles.
- Acts 26:24 And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, You are insane, Paul. Much learning is driving you insane.
- Acts 26:25 But Paul said, I am not insane, most excellent Festus, but I am uttering words of truth and soberness.
- Acts 26:26 For the king knows about these things, to whom also I speak freely, for I am persuaded that none of these things have escaped his notice; for this has not been done in a corner.
- Acts 26:27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.
- Acts 26:28 And Agrippa replied to Paul, By so little are you trying to persuade me to become a Christian?
- Acts 26:29 And Paul said, I would to God that both by little and by much, not only you, but also all those who hear me today might become even such as I am, except for these bonds.
- I. We need to be reduced to ashes to become the New Jerusalem for God’s expression—Psa. 20:3; Lev. 1:16; 6:10-11; 1 Cor. 3:12a; Rev. 3:12; 21:2, 10-11, 18-21.
- Psa 20:3 May He remember all your meal offerings / And accept your burnt offering. Selah.
- Lev 1:16 And he shall take away its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar toward the east, in the place of the ashes.
- Lev 6:10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen trousers he shall put on his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has consumed the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.
- Lev 6:11 Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.
- 1 Cor 3:12a But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, ...
- Rev 3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

- Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.
- Rev 21:18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.
- Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
- Rev 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
- Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
- J. The ashes of the burnt offering signify Christ reduced to nothing—Mark 9:12; Isa. 53:3:
- Mark 9:12 And He said to them, Elijah does indeed come first and restore all things. And how is it that it is written of the Son of Man that He should suffer many things and be counted as nothing?
- Isa 53:3 He was despised and forsaken of men, / A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; / And like one from whom men hide their faces, / He was despised; and we did not esteem Him.
1. The Lord's desire is that all the believers in Christ be reduced to ashes.
 2. Since we are one with the Christ who has been reduced to ashes, we also are reduced to ashes, that is, reduced to nothing, to zero—1 Cor. 1:28; 2 Cor. 12:11.

1 Cor 1:28 And the lowborn things of the world and the despised things God has chosen, things which are not, that He might bring to nought the things which are,

2 Cor 12:11 I have become foolish; you yourselves have compelled me. For it is I who should have been commended by you; for in nothing am I inferior to the super-apostles, even though I am nothing.
 3. The more we are identified with Christ in His death, the more we will realize that we have become a heap of ashes.
 4. When we become ashes, we are no longer a natural person; instead, we are a person who has been crucified, terminated, burned—Gal. 2:20a.

Gal 2:20a I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; ...
 5. The ashes are a sign of God's acceptance of the burnt offering as fat, something that is sweet and pleasing to Him—Psa. 20:3; cf. 36:8-9.

Psa 20:3 May He remember all your meal offerings / And accept your burnt offering. Selah.

Psa 36:8 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, / And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.

Psa 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light.
 6. Putting the ashes on the east side of the altar, the side of the sunrise, is an allusion to resurrection—Lev. 1:16; John 11:25; Phil. 3:10-11; 2 Cor. 1:9:

Lev 1:16 And he shall take away its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar toward the east, in the place of the ashes.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Phil 3:11 If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.

2 Cor 1:9 Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;

 - a. With Christ as the burnt offering, the ashes are not the end—they are the beginning—Mark 9:31.

Mark 9:31 For He was teaching His disciples. And He said to them, The Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, after three days He will rise.

- b. The ashes mean that Christ has been put to death, but the east signifies resurrection.
 - c. The more we are reduced to ashes in Christ, the more we will be put to the east, and on the east we will have the assurance that the sun will rise and that we will experience the sunrise of resurrection—Phil. 3:10-11.
 - Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
 - Phil 3:11 If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.
7. Eventually, the ashes will become the New Jerusalem—Rev. 3:12; 21:2, 10-11:
- Rev 3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.
 - Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
 - Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
 - Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.
- a. Christ's death brings us to an end, reduces us to ashes, and in resurrection the ashes become precious materials for God's building—1 Cor. 3:9b, 12a.
 - 1 Cor 3:9b ... you are God's cultivated land, God's building.
 - 1 Cor 3:12a But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, ...
 - b. When we are reduced to ashes, we are brought into the transformation of the Triune God to become the precious materials for the building of the New Jerusalem—Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rev. 21:18-21.
 - Rom 12:1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.
 - Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
 - 2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
 - Rev 21:18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.
 - Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
 - Rev 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
 - Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

II. God desires that all His people be Nazarites, those who separate themselves unto God to be absolutely, utterly, and ultimately for God, that is, to be for nothing other than God—loving God, seeking God, living God, and being constituted with God to bless others with God for the expression of God—Num. 6:1-9, 22-27; Psa. 73:25-26; Jer. 32:39; 2 Cor. 13:14; cf. Psa. 110:3; Matt. 26:6-13:

- Num 6:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 6:2 Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazarite, to separate himself to Jehovah,

- Num 6:3 He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine or vinegar of strong drink, nor shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh or dried grapes.
- Num 6:4 All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grape vine, from the seeds even to the skin.
- Num 6:5 All the days of his vow of separation no razor shall pass over his head. He shall be holy until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to Jehovah; he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.
- Num 6:6 All the days that he separates himself to Jehovah he shall not come near a dead person.
- Num 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is upon his head.
- Num 6:8 All the days of his separation he is holy to Jehovah.
- Num 6:9 And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him so that he defiles the head of his separation, then he shall shave his head on the day he becomes clean; on the seventh day shall he shave it.
- Num 6:22 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 6:23 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the children of Israel; you shall say to them,
- Num 6:24 Jehovah bless you and keep you;
- Num 6:25 Jehovah make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
- Num 6:26 Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- Num 6:27 So shall they put My name upon the children of Israel, that I Myself may bless them.
- Psa 73:25 Whom do I have in heaven but You? / And besides You there is nothing I desire on earth.
- Psa 73:26 My flesh and my heart fail, / But God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever.
- Jer 32:39 And I will give them one heart and one way, to fear Me all the days, for their own good and for the good of their children after them.
- 2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Psa 110:3 Your people will offer themselves willingly / In the day of Your warfare, / In the splendor of their consecration. / Your young men will be to You / Like the dew from the womb of the dawn.
- Matt 26:6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,
- Matt 26:7 A woman came to Him, having an alabaster flask of ointment of great value, and she poured it on His head as He reclined at table.
- Matt 26:8 But when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, Why this waste?
- Matt 26:9 For this could have been sold for much and given to the poor.
- Matt 26:10 But Jesus, knowing it, said to them, Why do you trouble the woman? She has done a noble deed to Me.
- Matt 26:11 For the poor you have with you always, but you do not always have Me.
- Matt 26:12 For in pouring out this ointment on My body, she has done it for My burial.
- Matt 26:13 Truly I say to you, Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what this woman has done shall also be told as a memorial of her.
- A. According to typology, among the human race the unique Nazarite is the Lord Jesus Christ; a Nazarite is a type of Christ in His living absolutely for God in His humanity—John 4:34; 5:19, 30; 7:18; 14:24.
- John 4:34 Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.
- John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son can do nothing from Himself except what He sees the Father doing, for whatever that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner.
- John 5:30 I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.
- John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him, this One is true, and unrighteousness is not in Him.
- John 14:24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.
- B. The Nazarite's separation lasted for seven days (Acts 21:27), signifying a full course, even a lifetime (Num. 6:8; cf. 1 Cor. 5:7-8; Exo. 12:15; 13:2-4, 6-9).
- Acts 21:27 And when the seven days were about to be concluded, the Jews from Asia saw him in the temple and threw all the crowd into confusion; and they laid their hands on him,

- Num 6:8 All the days of his separation he is holy to Jehovah.
- 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
- 1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- Exo 12:15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.
- Exo 13:2 Sanctify to Me all the firstborn: Whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast, it is Mine.
- Exo 13:3 And Moses said to the people, Remember this day on which you came out from Egypt, from the slave house, for by strength of hand Jehovah brought you out from this place; and nothing leavened shall be eaten.
- Exo 13:4 On this day in the month of Abib you are going out.
- Exo 13:6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to Jehovah.
- Exo 13:7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days, and nothing leavened shall be seen with you, nor shall any leaven be seen with you in all your territory.
- Exo 13:8 And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, It is because of what Jehovah did for me when I came out of Egypt.
- Exo 13:9 And it shall be for a sign to you upon your hand and for a memorial between your eyes, that the law of Jehovah may be in your mouth; for with a mighty hand Jehovah brought you out of Egypt.
- C. Only the Nazarites can bring back the Lord Jesus; all those who are used by God to turn the age must be Nazarites—voluntarily consecrated ones who are sanctified absolutely and ultimately to God.
- D. All overcomers live in the principle of the Nazarite with a voluntary fourfold consecration to God—1 Cor. 6:15-20; Rom. 12:1-2; 9:23; cf. Dan. 5:23:
- 1 Cor 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Absolutely not!
- 1 Cor 6:16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute is one body? For He says, "The two shall be one flesh."
- 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
- 1 Cor 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin which a man may do is outside the body, but he who commits fornication sins against his own body.
- 1 Cor 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
- 1 Cor 6:20 For you have been bought with a price. So then glorify God in your body.
- Rom 12:1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.
- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
- Rom 9:23 In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,
- Dan 5:23 But you have exalted yourself against the Lord of the heavens; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and of gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see nor hear nor know. But the God in whose hand is your breath and to whom all your ways belong, you have not honored.
1. A Nazarite must overcome worldly enjoyment and pleasure, signified by his abstaining from wine and anything related to its source—Num. 6:3-4; cf. Psalms 104:15; Ecclesiastes 10:19; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15:
- Num 6:3 He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine or vinegar of strong drink, nor shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh or dried grapes.

- Num 6:4 All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grape vine, from the seeds even to the skin.
- Psa 104:15 Even wine that cheers man's heart, / Oil that makes his face shine, / And bread that sustains man's heart.
- Eccl 10:19 They make a feast for laughter, and wine makes life merry, and money is the answer to everything.
- James 4:4 Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever determines to be a friend of the world is constituted an enemy of God.
- 1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;
- a. Worldly pleasure leads to lustful intentions and lustful conduct; we must abstain from the worldly wine by enjoying Christ as the new wine to make us people who cheer God and cheer man—Judg. 9:13; Matt. 9:17; 1 John 2:15-17; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; cf. Isa. 42:4.
- Judg 9:13 But the vine said to them, Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees?
- Matt 9:17 Neither do they put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.
- 1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;
- 1 John 2:16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.
- 1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.
- 2 Tim 3:1 But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come.
- 2 Tim 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 2 Tim 3:3 Without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good,
- 2 Tim 3:4 Traitors, reckless, blinded with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
- 2 Tim 3:5 Having an outward form of godliness, though denying its power; from these also turn away.
- Isa 42:4 He will not faint, nor will He be discouraged, / Until He has established justice in the earth; / And the coastlands will wait for His instruction.
- b. We need to maintain our joy in the Lord day by day; “I will go to the altar of God / To God my exceeding joy”—Psa. 43:4; 16:11; 36:8-9; 46:4; 48:2; 51:12; Neh. 8:8, 10; Jer. 15:16; Lam. 3:21-24, 55-56; *Hymns*, #523.
- Psa 43:4 And I will go to the altar of God, / To God my exceeding joy; / And I will praise You with the harp, / O God, my God.
- Psa 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; / In Your presence is fullness of joy; / At Your right hand there are pleasures forever.
- Psa 36:8 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, / And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.
- Psa 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light.
- Psa 46:4 There is a river whose streams gladden the city of God, / The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
- Psa 48:2 Beautiful in elevation, / The joy of the whole earth, / Is Mount Zion, the sides of the north, / The city of the great King.
- Psa 51:12 Restore to me the gladness of Your salvation, / And sustain me with a willing spirit.
- Neh 8:8 And they read in the book, in the law of God, interpreting and giving the sense, so that they understood the reading.
- Neh 8:10 Then he said to them, Go your way; eat the fat, and drink the sweet wine, and send portions to him for whom nothing has been prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of Jehovah is your strength.

Jer 15:16 Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me /
The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O
Jehovah, God of hosts.

Lam 3:21 This I recall to my heart; / Therefore I have hope.

Lam 3:22 It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, / For His
compassions do not fail;

Lam 3:23 They are new every morning; / Great is Your faithfulness.

Lam 3:24 Jehovah is my portion, says my soul; / Therefore I hope in Him.

Lam 3:55 I called upon Your name, O Jehovah, / From the lowest pit.

Lam 3:56 You have heard my voice; do not hide / Your ear at my breathing, at my
cry.

Hymns, #523

1	I have come to the Fountain of Life, I have passed from the waters of strife I have drunk of the heavenly well, No mortal can measure or tell	A fountain that flows from above; And come to the Elim of love; In the depths of my being it springs. The gladness the Comforter brings.
(CHORUS)		
	Oh, come to the Fountain of Life, Oh, drink of the boundless supply,	The fountain that never runs dry; For Christ is the Fountain of Life.
2	I have come to the Fountain of Blood I have washed in its sin-cleansing flood I count not my righteousness mine— I partake of His nature divine,	That for guilt and uncleanness doth flow; And my garments are whiter than snow. 'Tis Jesus that lives in my soul. And in Him I am perfectly whole.
3	I have come to the Fountain of Health, 'Tis a secret man's wisdom or wealth But the secret my Lord hath revealed In the stripes by whose pain we are healed,	A boundless and endless supply; Can never discover or buy. In the fountain that flows from His side, In Himself as He comes to abide.
4	I have come to the Fountain of Joy; My delight is unmixed with alloy, The fig tree may wither and die, But my fountains can never be dry—	His joy is the strength of my heart. My sunshine can never depart. Earth's pleasures and prospects decline; My portion, my joy is divine.

2. A Nazarite must overcome rebellion, signified by his not shaving his head; not shaving the head signifies not rejecting, but being absolutely subject to, the headship of the Lord—Num. 6:5; cf. 1 Cor. 11:3, 6, 10, 15:

Num 6:5 All the days of his vow of separation no razor shall pass over his head. He shall be holy until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to Jehovah; he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.

1 Cor 11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.

1 Cor 11:6 For if a woman is not covered, let her hair also be cut off; but if it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut off or to be shaved, let her be covered.

1 Cor 11:10 Therefore the woman ought to have a sign of submission to authority on her head for the sake of the angels.

1 Cor 11:15 But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her, because her long hair has been given to her for a covering.

a. A Nazarite is absolutely subject to the headship of the Lord as well as to all deputy authorities appointed by God—Eph. 1:10, 22b-23; Col. 1:18; Rom. 13:1-2a; Eph. 5:21, 23; 6:1; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 3:1-7; 5:5.

Eph 1:10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

Eph 1:22b ... and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Rom 13:1 Let every person be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are ordained by God.

Rom 13:2a So then he who resists the authority opposes God's ordination, ...

Eph 5:21 Being subject to one another in the fear of Christ:

Eph 5:23 For a husband is head of the wife as also Christ is Head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the Body.

- Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- Heb 13:17 Obey the ones leading you and submit to them, for they watch over your souls as those who will render an account, that they may do this with joy and not groaning; for this would be unprofitable to you.
- 1 Pet 3:1 In like manner, wives, be subject to your own husbands, that even if any disobey the word, they will be gained without the word through the manner of life of their wives,
- 1 Pet 3:2 Seeing with their own eyes your pure manner of life in fear.
- 1 Pet 3:3 Let your adorning not be the outward plaiting of hair and putting on of gold or clothing with garments,
- 1 Pet 3:4 But the hidden man of the heart in the incorruptible adornment of a meek and quiet spirit, which is very costly in the sight of God.
- 1 Pet 3:5 For in this manner formerly the holy women also, who hoped in God, adorned themselves, being subject to their own husbands,
- 1 Pet 3:6 As Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose children you have become, if you do good and do not fear any terror.
- 1 Pet 3:7 Husbands, in like manner dwell together with them according to knowledge, as with the weaker, female vessel, assigning honor to them as also to fellow heirs of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.
- 1 Pet 5:5 In like manner, younger men, be subject to elders; and all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.
- b. A Nazarite is a person full of hair, full of submission; with him there is a submissive atmosphere and intention; if you are such a person, there will be a great blessing for you and for your future—Col. 1:18; 2:19.
- Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;
- Col 2:19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.
- c. “It is a blessing to be under someone or some thing. It is even a blessing to be severely limited. I thank the Lord that from the day I came into the recovery, the Lord put me under someone, some thing, or some environment”—Witness Lee, *Life-study of Numbers*, p. 70; cf. Eph. 4:1.
- Eph 4:1 I beseech you therefore, I, the prisoner in the Lord, to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called,
- d. Samson was a Nazarite from his mother’s womb for the full course of his life, and the source of Samson’s power was his long hair; from this we see that in submission there is power—Judg. 16:17; cf. Josh. 9:14.
- Judg 16:17 And he told her all his heart and said to her, No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazarite to God from my mother's womb. If I were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become weak and be like all men.
- Josh 9:14 And the men took some of their provisions, but they did not ask for the counsel of Jehovah.
3. A Nazarite must overcome death, signified by his not being allowed to be defiled by the death of the relative closest to him or by the sudden death of one beside him—Num. 6:6-7, 9:
- Num 6:6 All the days that he separates himself to Jehovah he shall not come near a dead person.
- Num 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is upon his head.
- Num 6:9 And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him so that he defiles the head of his separation, then he shall shave his head on the day he becomes clean; on the seventh day shall he shave it.

- a. Death is more defiling before God than sin; different kinds of spiritual death may spread among God's people in the church life—wild death (the carcasses of beasts), mild death (the carcasses of cattle), or subtle death (the carcasses of creeping things)—Lev. 5:2; Rev. 3:4; Rom. 8:6.
- Lev 5:2 Or if anyone touches any unclean thing, whether the carcass of an unclean animal or the carcass of unclean cattle or the carcass of unclean swarming things, and it escapes his notice, and he is unclean, then he will be guilty.
- Rev 3:4 But you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments, and they will walk with Me in white because they are worthy.
- Rom 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.
- b. We must be those who are full of life, which is “anti-death”; this depends on how much we exercise our spirit to pray, not in a general way but with a prayer that fights against the enemy—2 Cor. 5:4; 6:1a; Matt. 26:41; Dan. 6:10; 9:17.
- 2 Cor 5:4 For also, we who are in this tabernacle groan, being burdened, in that we do not desire to be unclothed, but clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
- 2 Cor 6:1a And working together with Him, ...
- Matt 26:41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- Dan 6:10 Now when Daniel came to know that the writing had been signed, he went to his house (in his upper room he had windows open toward Jerusalem) and three times daily he knelt on his knees and prayed and gave thanks before his God, because he had always done so previously.
- Dan 9:17 And now hear, O our God, the prayer of Your servant and his supplications, and cause Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary that has been desolated, for the Lord's sake.
- c. If we sense deadness in a meeting, we need to pray very much to counter that deadening situation: “Lord, cover me with Your blood against any deadening, against any spiritual deadness. Lord, cover this meeting with Your prevailing blood. Under this blood, we participate in the divine life.”
- d. The Nazarites are numbered for the formation of God's army and are very vigilant, full of feeling for the war against death; because the germs of death are even in the church life, we need to pray daily, hourly, fighting against death, the last enemy of God—1 Cor. 15:26.
- 1 Cor 15:26 Death, the last enemy, is being abolished.
4. A Nazarite must overcome natural affection, signified by his not making himself unclean for his father, mother, brother, or sister when they die—Num. 6:7; Matt. 12:46-50; 2 Cor. 5:16:
- Num 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is upon his head.
- Matt 12:46 While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and His brothers stood outside seeking to speak to Him.
- Matt 12:47 And someone said to Him, Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You.
- Matt 12:48 But He answered and said to him who spoke to Him, Who is My mother, and who are My brothers?
- Matt 12:49 And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, Behold, My mother and My brothers!
- Matt 12:50 For whoever does the will of My Father who is in the heavens, he is My brother and sister and mother.
- 2 Cor 5:16 So then we, from now on, know no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him so no longer.
- a. The natural life with its natural affection is typified by honey that ferments and brings in rottenness (in the meal offering, honey is prohibited); the problem

between Paul and Barnabas was caused by the honey of the natural life—Lev. 2:11; Acts 15:35-39, 25-26; Col. 4:10.

Lev 2:11 No meal offering that you present to Jehovah shall be made with leaven, for you shall not burn any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to Jehovah.

Acts 15:35 And Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and announcing the word of the Lord as the gospel with many others also.

Acts 15:36 Now after some days Paul said to Barnabas, Let us return now and visit the brothers in every city in which we announced the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.

Acts 15:37 And Barnabas intended to take John, who is called Mark, along with them also;

Acts 15:38 But Paul did not consider it suitable to take with them this one who withdrew from them in Pamphylia and did not go with them to the work.

Acts 15:39 And there was a sharp contention, so that they separated from each other; and Barnabas, taking Mark along, sailed away to Cyprus.

Acts 15:25 It seemed good to us, having become of one accord, to choose men to send to you together with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

Acts 15:26 Men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Col 4:10 Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, as well as Mark, the cousin of Barnabas, (concerning whom you received commandments, If he comes to you, receive him),

b. God does not want us to love with our natural love but with Him as our love—Phil. 2:2; 1 Cor. 13:4-8, 13; 2 Tim. 1:7.

Phil 2:2 Make my joy full, that you think the same thing, having the same love, joined in soul, thinking the one thing,

1 Cor 13:4 Love suffers long. Love is kind; it is not jealous. Love does not brag and is not puffed up;

1 Cor 13:5 It does not behave unbecomingly and does not seek its own things; it is not provoked and does not take account of evil;

1 Cor 13:6 It does not rejoice because of unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

1 Cor 13:7 It covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Cor 13:8 Love never falls away. But whether prophecies, they will be rendered useless; or tongues, they will cease; or knowledge, it will be rendered useless.

1 Cor 13:13 Now there abide faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.

E. Once our former separation has been made void, we must reparate ourselves to God by taking Christ as the reality of all the offerings—Num. 6:8-21.

Num 6:8 All the days of his separation he is holy to Jehovah.

Num 6:9 And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him so that he defiles the head of his separation, then he shall shave his head on the day he becomes clean; on the seventh day shall he shave it.

Num 6:10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting,

Num 6:11 And the priest shall offer one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, and make expiation for him because he sinned by reason of the dead person. And he shall sanctify his head that same day.

Num 6:12 And he shall separate to Jehovah the days of his separation and shall bring a male lamb a year old for a trespass offering, but the former days shall be void because his separation was defiled.

Num 6:13 Now this is the law of the Nazarite when the days of his separation are fulfilled: He shall be brought to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

Num 6:14 And he shall present his offering to Jehovah: one male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering, and one female lamb a year old without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for a peace offering,

- Num 6:15 And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their meal offering and their drink offerings.
- Num 6:16 And the priest shall present them before Jehovah and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering.
- Num 6:17 And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to Jehovah, with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest shall also offer its meal offering and its drink offering.
- Num 6:18 And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and take the hair of the head of his separation and put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of peace offerings.
- Num 6:19 And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram and one unleavened cake out of the basket and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them into the hands of the Nazarite after he has shaved the head of his separation;
- Num 6:20 And the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before Jehovah. It is holy for the priest, together with the breast of the wave offering and thigh of the heave offering. And afterward the Nazarite may drink wine.
- Num 6:21 This is the law of the Nazarite who vows, that is, of his offering to Jehovah for his separation, in addition to what he can afford; according to his vow which he vows, so he must do according to the law of his separation.

F. Our separation unto God is for our being blessed by God to bless others with God in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the carrying out of His eternal economy—vv. 22-27; cf. 2 Cor. 13:14.

- Num 6:22 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 6:23 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the children of Israel; you shall say to them,
- Num 6:24 Jehovah bless you and keep you;
- Num 6:25 Jehovah make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
- Num 6:26 Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- Num 6:27 So shall they put My name upon the children of Israel, that I Myself may bless them.
- 2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.