

on Him and if we really determine that we are going to put Him first in all things.

No. 2 regarding the Nazirite law. This special consecration was usually for a limited period. The word NAZIR which is translated consecration or separation in this chap. wherever it occurs, and it does not occur in any other chapter in the Bible. That is there is a similar word that means "crowd" (?) that occurs elsewhere, but it is probably merely a word that sounds the same. Because with any meaning similar to this the word NAZIR never occurs except in Num. 6, and there it is translated "consecration". It is translated "separation", but this special consecration we find in vs. 13 was usually for a limited period. Vs. 13 "This is the law of the Nazirite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation." This was usually for a limited period. Now there are cases where it is good for us to make definite decision to affect many years in the future. But special consecration for special duties, special tasks, special things in our lives, it usually ~~is~~ good I think to have a definite limit upon a definite decision, and then later it can be made again or extended of course. I think our general consecration to the Lord we should make for our whole life, but on special determination certainly in this case the whole implication was that it was definitely for a limited period.

3. The Naziriteship was not to be broken on account of normal family situations. Vs. 7 brings this out. Vs. 6 tells us that "All the days that he separateth himself unto the Lord he shall come at no dead body. He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister when they die, because the consecration of his God is upon his head." The normal family situation was not to interfere in it. I have known many cases of people who have gone into special types of service for the Lord, and then something in their family life or relationship has seemed to them to be quite sufficient to break it. I believe that we should think through clearly what we are going to do, how we are going to serve the Lord effectively