

B.C. 1491.] [Dec. 30  
**TEMPERANCE LESSON.**

Num. 6. 1-4. Memory verse 3.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. Luke 1. 15.

**OUTLINE.**

1. Separation from Sin.
2. Consecration to God.

**TIME.**—1491 B.C.

**PLACE.**—Mount Sinai.

This lesson has no connection with the lessons of the quarter.

**EXPLANATIONS.**—*Shall separate to vow a vow*—O, shall solemnly vow a vow. *A Nazarite*—One separated; such a one assumed voluntary obligations, sometimes for a month, sometimes for a life-time, not to use wine, not to touch a razor to his head, but allowing the hair to grow, and to have no contact with a dead body. *Liquor of grapes*—A drink made from grape skins. *The kernels*—A sour drink was made from the stones of grapes. *The husk*—Cakes were made from the husk.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

1. *Separation from Sin.*  
 What was a Nazarite?  
 From what things were Nazarites obliged to totally abstain?  
 Could not a man be holy unto the Lord without such separation?  
 What was the great principle which underlay this abstinence?  
 What is the best and noblest part of man? To what does self-indulgence always lead? What is the effect of sin upon the soul? Of what is the Nazarite's separation typical?  
 What was Christ's teaching concerning this law of self-denial? Matt. 16. 24.  
 What is the great sin of modern society?
2. *Consecration to God.*  
 What was the purpose of the Nazarite's separation of himself from the world?  
 How would such self-denial promote the spirit of consecration?  
 What place do you think consecration should occupy in a Christian's life?  
 What did Christ do for us? Phil. 2. 5-8.  
 What ought we to do in return for him?  
 What are some of the ways in which we may show our consecration?  
 Is it right for a man to gratify his appetite even if he can do it without danger to himself?  
 What was the character of Christ's forerunner?

**PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.**

Notice the law for total abstinence was prescribed by God himself, ver. 1.  
 There is no place in the Nazarite's diet for any liquor, or any thing like it, or any thing that could suggest it.  
 Total abstinence—no moderate drinking.  
 Total abstinence—no wine, or grape, or tendrils of a vine.  
 Total abstinence, total abstinence, TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

**HINTS FOR HOME STUDY.**

1. Find who of the Bible characters were Nazarites.
2. Find all the places that speak of separation from sin.
3. Find if the Bible teaches that drunkenness is a sin.
4. Find what the destination of drunkards is declared to be.
5. Find five Bible characters who lived lives of consecration to God, and study them.

**THE LESSON CATECHISM.**

1. What was a Nazarite? A man consecrated to God. 2. Who gave the law to govern the lives of Nazarites? The Lord gave it to Moses. 3. In what were they for examples to us? In their total abstinence from wine. 4. Who was the most shining example in history of absolute total abstinence? John, the Lord's herald. 5. What prophecy was made concerning him? "For he shall be great," etc.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—Temperance.

You never miss an opportunity of giving innocent pleasure, or helping another soul on the path to God, but you are taking away from yourselves forever what might have been a happy memory, and leaving in its place pain or remorse.

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