

**Theme: BIBLICAL PATTERN OF CONSECRATION & SUBMISSION**

**Memory Verse:** *Luke 17:10 “So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.”*

**Texts:** Numbers 6:1-8, 13-21; Mark 10:42-45

Divine blueprint for consecration and submission has been given in the Scriptures. Irrespective of the social standing of any believer, everyone is expected to esteem others better than himself. Unlike in the world where masters lord it over others, the Christian leader is not to arrogate power or respect to himself. Rather, believers are given the divine injunctions mandating everyone to honour the Lord and the spiritual leader. The Lord lays so much emphasis on the need to honour Christian leaders that He puts a stamp of authority on it. Hence the Bible says, “He therefore that despised, despised not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 4:8).

Believers are not to gossip, backbite or rebel against leaders as this is bound to attract divine judgment whether immediately or after some time lag (Numbers 12:10,14). Another express command to all heaven-bound pilgrim is “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you” (Hebrews 13:17). The fact that disobedience to God’s instruction no longer attracts immediate punishment does not mean that offenders will ultimately escape God’s punishment.

In the Old Testament, a special group of people referred to as the Nazarenes were separated unto the Lord. It is evident in our text, that they were bound by a vow to be set apart from others for the service of God. Having vowed “a vow of a Nazarene, to separate themselves unto the Lord”, they were devoted to God during the time of their Nazariteship, and their time was spent in service and commitment to God. Their whole life and conduct were characterised by separation and consecration.

	<b>DAILY BIBLE READING</b>	
	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
SUNDAY	Psalms 32	Psalms 33
MONDAY	Psalms 34	Psalms 35
TUESDAY	Psalms 36	Psalms 37
WEDNESDAY	Psalms 38	Psalms 39
THURSDAY	Psalms 40	Psalms 41
FRIDAY	Psalms 42	Psalms 43
SATURDAY	Psalms 44	Psalms 45