



# “Taking Your Vows Seriously”

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Text: Acts 18:18

Introduction: We are continuing our series entitled “Here Am I, Send Me: The Acts of the Apostles.” There is this strange event toward the end of Paul’s second missionary journey where he fulfills a vow to God and shaves his head. Does that seem odd to you? In order to understand our lesson for today I think we need to back up to **Numbers 6:1-21**. Why would Paul take a Nazarite vow? How did it work? What was required of a person that fulfilled it? What good would come from it? Let’s study together...

## Discussion:

### I. A GREATER SEPARATION

Numbers 6:1-2, Matthew 5:41, II Corinthians 8:3-4, I Thessalonians 5:17,  
I Corinthians 13, I Peter 2:2, II Peter 3:18

### II. A GREATER SOBRIETY

Numbers 6:3-4, Leviticus 10:8-11, I Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6, I Thessalonians 5:6-8

### III. A GREATER SIGNIFICANCE

Numbers 6:5-6, I Corinthians 6:19-20, Judges 13:2-5, John 8:23, John 15:9,  
Romans 12:1-2, I Timothy 2:10

### IV. A GREATER SANCTIFICATION

Numbers 6:7-12, Acts 18:18, II Timothy 2:22, Acts 3:19, Acts 17:30, I John 1:7-10

### V. A GREATER SERVICE

Numbers 6:13-21, Leviticus 27:30-32, Numbers 18:20-32, Deuteronomy 16,  
Revelation 2:10, Romans 12:1-2

Conclusion: God takes vows very seriously, but it is evident that more of us need to make more private and public vows to God. We need to take our Christian walk to a higher level. Maybe even an extreme level. God deserves more. NOW is a time for Nazarite moment in your life! Are you ready to be rededicated? Are you ready to be restored? Are you ready to be more faithful in your attendance, service, and giving? Are you ready to become a Christian? Do you need to make a vow to God? God desires your very best. Is He getting it?