

This presentation seeks to represent God's view of part of reality, in opposition to what has been force-fed Believers by the world.

When Satan challenges us with a temptation,
the surest defense exemplified by Jesus is a retort
of:

“It is written”

...i.e.

“No! God said:...”

Here is what God says about *CHILDREN*.

Nazarite: Devoted “Wife” of God

The Nazarite was to reflect the fidelity of marital relationship: man towards God, woman towards man.

When a man gains a wife, that ONE woman becomes *separated* from the billions of potential 'others'.

She is *holy* to him, and he is *holy* to her.
Everyone else is *profane* or *common*.

Nazarite: Separation to God

“...When either man or woman shall **separate** themselves to vow a vow of a **Nazarite**, to **separate**^{H5144} themselves unto the LORD he shall **separate**^{H5144} himself... All the days of his **separation**^{H5145}... All the days of the vow of his **separation**^{H5145}...in the which he **separateth**^{H5144} himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy...All the days that he **separateth**^{H5144} himself unto the LORD...All the days of his **separation**^{H5145} he is holy unto the LORD.” Numbers 6:2-8

Israel: Separated

“...I am the LORD your God, which have **separated** you from other people.”

Leviticus 20:24

“for You have **separated** [Israel] to Yourself for an inheritance out of all the peoples of the earth...”

1 Kings 8:53

“And the seed of Israel **separated** themselves from all strangers...”

Nehemiah 9:2

Nazarite:

H5145 nezer (neh'-zer) (or nezer {nay'-zer}) n-m.

1. (properly) something set apart
2. (abstractly) dedication (of a priest or Nazirite)
3. (hence, concretely) **unshorn locks**
4. (by implication) a chaplet, wreath (especially of royalty)

[from H5144]

KJV: consecration, **crown, hair, separation.**

Root(s): H5144

Hair. *Crown*. Separation.

These are all INTIMATELY related to the children
of Israel.

And to us.

Nazarite: No Haircuts

“All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let **the locks of the hair of his head grow**. As long as he **abstaineth**^{H5145} unto the LORD he shall come at no dead body: he shall not make himself unclean at the death of his father, mother, brother or sister: For the **abstinence**^{H5145} of his God **is upon his head.**” ”

Numbers 6:5-7

So What Was On His Head?

“For the abstinence of his God is upon his head”

A cloth veil???

No!

His LONG HAIR!

Headcoverings? HAIR!

- This is what Paul was talking about
- It is about hair QUANTITY and COVERING ABILITY as **symbolic** of submission, dedication, and fruitfulness
- **Children** are created in a woman by her husband; her **hair** represents her submission to him in this process, and the result of that process

The Hair

- Hair represents life & fertility: *offspring, children, people*
- Thus hair represents the *submissive act of receiving* from another

There are a lot of scriptures about hair, and it is well worth the time for you to investigate this separately. Some are not seemly to put here, yet relevant. Search them out.

Hair = Power = Strength = Glory

“But if a woman have long hair, it is a **glory** to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.”

1 Corinthians 11:15

“For this cause ought the woman to have **power** on her head because of the angels.”

1 Corinthians 11:10

“But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head <**HUSBAND!**>: for that is even all one as if she were **shaven**. “

1 Corinthians 11:5

“When thou tillest the ground, it shall not
henceforth yield unto thee her **strength** ^{H3581};
a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the
earth.”

Genesis 4:12

“Strength” is produce, fertility, that which issues
forth *out of the ground, out of a woman.*

Children As Strength

*“Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my **might**^{H3581}, and the beginning of my **strength**^{H202}, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of **power**^{H5794}”*

Genesis 49:3

H3581 koach (ko'-akh) n-m. 1. vigor, literally (force, in a good or a bad sense) or figuratively (capacity, means, produce)

H202 own (one) n-m.1. ability, power, (figuratively) wealth

H5794 az (az) adj. 1. strong, vehement, harsh

Children As Strength

“But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is *the beginning of his strength*^{H202}; the right of the firstborn is his.”

Deuteronomy 21:17

H202 own (one) n-m.1. ability, power, (figuratively) wealth

Children As Strength

“He smote also all the firstborn in their land, *the chief of all their strength* ^{H202}.”

Psalm 105:36

^{H202} own (one) n-m.1. ability, power,
(figuratively) wealth

Children As Strength

“And he said unto Jether his firstborn, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth. Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his **strength** ^{H1369}.”

Judges 8:20-21

H1369 gbuwrah (gheb-oo-raw') n-f. 1. force (literally or figuratively) 2. *(by implication) valor, victory*

Children As Glory

“As for Ephraim, their **glory**^{H3519} shall fly away like a bird, from the **birth**, and from the **womb**, and from the **conception**. Though they **bring up their children**, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, woe also to them *when I depart from them!*”

Hosea 9:11-12

Children As Glory

“And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The **glory**^{H3519} is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, *and* because of her *father in law* and her *husband*. And she said, “The **glory**^{H3519} is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.”

1 Samuel 4:21-22

Children As Glory

“As they multiplied so they sinned against me: I will change their glory^{H3519} into dishonour.”

Hosea 4:7

H3519 abowd (kaw-bode') (rarely kabod {kaw-bode'}) n-m. 1. (properly) weight, but only figuratively in a good sense, splendor or copiousness

Paul understood his own role as a 'mother' producing 'children' to God:

Children As Crown

“So then, my brethren, beloved and longed for,
my joy and crown, so stand ye in the Lord,
beloved.”

(Php 4:1)

Children As Crown

“for what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? are not even ye before our Lord Jesus Christ in his presence? for ye are our glory and joy.”

(1Th 2:19-20)

Ending the Vow Period

“And the Nazarite shall **shave the head** of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall **take the hair** of the head of his separation, and **put it in the fire** which is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.”

Numbers 6:18

When Israel as God's 'wife' became unfaithful,
unsubmitted to Him—no longer a Nazarite—she
lost her children:

Shaving: Loss of People

“...take thee then a sharp knife, namely a razor...and **shave the hair of thy head** and beard...**burn** the third part thereof in the fire in the midst of the city, and **cut** the other third part in pieces with a knife. As for the third part that remaineth, **cast** it in the wind, and then show the bare knife.”

Ezekiel 5:1-2

Ezekiel's cut hair represented the **people** of Israel.
They experienced what his **hair** experienced.

No Children: Mourning, Baldness

“Make thee **bald**, and poll thee for thy delicate **children**; enlarge thy **baldness** as the eagle; for **they are gone** into captivity from thee.”

Micah 1:16

Shaving: Loss of Children

“At the same time shall the LORD **shave the hair of the head and the feet and the beard clean off, with the razor that** he shall hire beyond the water: namely, with the king of the Assyrians.”

Isaiah 7:20

Shaving of the body hair represented the denuding of the Israelites from the land.

Shaven Head: Bareness, Unsubmitted

- To have a bald head was a sign of shame
- It was a sign of mourning
- It was a sign of death
- It meant no children
- Therefore no strength
- Therefore no power

God wants GODLY offspring!

“...for I have known [Abraham], that he commandeth his children, and his house after him (and they have kept the way of Jehovah), to do righteousness and judgment, that Jehovah may bring on Abraham that which He hath spoken concerning him...”

Gen 18:19

God wants GODLY offspring!

“Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom *thou hast dealt treacherously*: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. **And did not he make one?** Yet had he the residue of the spirit. **And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed.** Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none *deal treacherously* against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: *therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.*”

(Mal 2:14-16)

God Wants Godly OFFSPRING!

“Notwithstanding, through **bearing of children they shall be saved**, so they continue in faith, love, and holiness with discretion.”

1 Timothy 2:15

Samuel was a faithful Nazarite from birth:

Samuel: Nazarite For Life

“And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will **give him unto the LORD all the days of his life**, and **there shall no razor come upon his head.**”

1 Samuel 1:11

Fathers and mothers, we must with the declarations of the Living God, wash our minds from the corruptions of the world which have skewed our viewpoints away from God.

We have undervalued the offspring God has given us, delegating their upbringing to those opposed to Him and His ways.

We have SINNED in this, and what we cannot atone for in quantity, must atone for in quality.

We must see our children not as impositions on our lifestyles, or wasters of our time, but as the very pupils of God's eyes: arrows to be shaped for His use in His time.

We must begin to see them as does God:

STRENGTH

GLORY

JOY

CROWN

BLESSING

And not hypocritically, in word only, but also in deed: with our decisions about how to treat them, and how we spend our time with them, and what we teach them.

Time is short, and the world knows the value of
our children.

Do we?

All of this being, of course, ALSO a metaphor for our very lives: are we submitting to God so He can produce fruit in us?

Or do we disdain Him and His fruit?

Let us make up our minds to make Him our only Master, Lord, and Husband...and submit to no other!

We are not ashamed to be Nazarites to our God!