

Going to Synagogue

As a Nazarene you will want to worship and study the Torah in Synagogue (which may be a home congregation) each Sabbath. Yeshua attended Synagogue each Sabbath (Luke 4:16) as did Paul (Acts 17:1-2) and we as Nazarenes should follow Yeshua's lead (1Jn. 2:6) as well as follow Paul as he followed Messiah (1Cor. 11:1). It is especially important that new believer attend synagogue on Sabbath and study the Torah (Acts 15:21).

Eating Kosher

As a Nazarene you will want to begin eating Kosher, that is according to the Scriptural dietary commandments. As Nazarenes we do not eat land animals unless they have a split hoof and chew a cud (thus, for example, pork products are not permitted). We also only eat seafood that have both fins and scales (this excludes shellfish, shark, and catfish from our diet among others). The full list of such regulations is to be found in the Torah (Lev. 11 & Deut. 14:1-21). We are also forbidden to consume meat with the blood still in it (Lev. 17:11-12; Gen. 9:4). You may not always know that a food contains a pork or other forbidden product. Most cheeses, marshmallows and many gelatins contain pork products. Some frosted cereals use such gelatins to get sugar to stick to the cereal. It is best to look for food with some kind of kosher symbol on it to be sure it is really kosher.

Tithing

The word "tithe" means "tenth". The tithe is paid on the increase, that is on the net (the profit margin) not on the gross income (Deut. 14:22). It is not ours to give, it belongs to YHWH, so when we do not pay his tithe, we steal from YHWH (Mal. 3:7-12). The tithe precedes the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai and was paid even by Abraham (Gen. 14:18-20). Although the Mosaic tithe was paid to Levites, the Abrahamic tithe was paid to Melchizedek a type of Messiah (Heb. 7). Nazarene Torah teachers are also entitled to the tithe for support just as the Levites in the Temple were (1Tim. 5:17-18; 1Cor. 9:6-14).

Circumcision and Immersion

Every male Jew is required to be circumcised on the eighth day after birth (Gen. 17:9-14, 23-27; 21:4; Lev. 12:1-2). No uncircumcised males are permitted to eat the Passover, and all the Assembly are required to eat the Passover (Ex. 12:43-49) therefore no uncircumcised males are part of the Assembly. If you are an uncircumcised male, you will want a circumcision so that you can be counted as part of Elohim's Assembly.

You will also want to receive immersion by water (Matt. 28:19) and the Holy Spirit (1Cor. 12:12-13; Acts 8:15-17; 19:2-4) also as part of your entry into the Body of Messiah.

What Can You Do?

Come visit us on Sabbath (the Seventh Day Ex. 20:8-11) and begin learning the Torah (Acts 15:21) Messiah went synagogue on Sabbath (Lk. 4:16) and we should walk as he walked (1Jn. 2:6; also 1Cor. 11:1 with Acts 17:1-2)

Begin eating Kosher foods and abstain from pork, shellfish and other unkosher foods.

Set aside YHWH's tithe to support the teaching of Torah and Messiah.

If you are not already circumcised, seek a circumcision. Get immersed in water and seek the immersion of the Holy Spirit.

As you continue to study, you will learn more of the Torah.

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