

## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

### Illustrations of Purity Deuteronomy 22:9-12

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### Deuteronomy 12-26

#### ➤ Organizing Principle: *Ten Words*

- 12:1-16:17 – First through Fourth Commandments
- 16:18-18:22 – Fifth Commandment
- 19:1-22:8 – Sixth Commandment
- 22:9-23:18 – Seventh Commandment
- 23:19ff – Eighth through Tenth Commandments

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### Deuteronomy 22:9-12

"You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest all the produce of the seed which you have sown, and the increase of the vineyard become defiled.

You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.  
You shall not wear a material mixed of wool and linen together.

You shall make for yourselves tassels on the four corners of your garments with which you cover yourselves."

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### Significance

➤ Holiness – these were outward symbols of Israel's purity and separation

1. In the context of "purity" laws
2. Connection to wearing "tassels"
3. Part of the holiness code of Leviticus 19

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### Function

- Instructional – to impress upon Israel...
  - the need to be separate from the influences of Canaanite religion and customs
  - the need to be wholly faithful (unmixed) in their devotion to Yahweh alone

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### Application

➤ Abiding principle – holiness/purity

***"You shall be holy for I am holy"***

The covenant people of God are to reflect His holiness in every area of life

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### Application

➤ 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

1. Separating from contaminating alliances
  - primary – from false teachers and false brethren who deny and distort the gospel
  - general – from the ungodly influences of unbelievers

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### Application

➤ 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

2. Cleansing ourselves from all defilements
  - requires active vigilance over our lives
  - comprehensive – actions, thoughts, attitudes, motives, desires, affections