**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 21, Part 10**

**(Dt. 12:1-28:68)**

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III. The Practices of Worship (Dt. 14-28): Family Practices

A. Introduction: Family Practices: *“Children of the LORD”* (Dt. 14:1-2) >

B. Concerning Food (14:3-21)

C. Concerning Finances (14:22-29; 15:1-29)

D. Concerning Faith (16:1 ff.)

E. Concerning Fighting (20:1-20)

F. Concerning Fratricide (21:1-9)

G. Concerning Foreigners (21:10-14)

H. Concerning Family (21:15-23)

I. Concerning Faithfulness (22:1-12)

1. Distinct Details with Live Stock (22:1-4)

2. Distinct Details in Looks (22:5)

3. Distinct Details in Living things (22:6-7)

4. Distinct Details in Life (22: 8-12)

**PREMISE: The LORD required Stewardship in personal responsibilities for entrance into the Promised but Pagan Land. Sweat the little stuff.**

**Moses: 1. Reminded them of their wanderings (Dt. 1:1-4:43), 2. Rehearsed to them divine commandments (Dt. 4:44-26:19), 3. Required them to obey their covenant (Dt. 27:1-30:20), 4. Related to them his final words (Dt. 31-34:12)**

In the section of Dt. 21:10-22:30, the author dealt with **marriage and family life.** This section provided guidance with regard to taking a **heathen wife** (Dt. 21:10-14), providing for the **firstborn** within a bigamous marriage (Dt. 21:15-17), stoning a **rebellious son** (Dt. 21:18-21), removing a **corpse** from a tree (Dt. 21:22-23), informing neighbors about **strayed animals** (Dt. 22:1-4), avoiding **confusion a**bout gender (Dt. 22:5), attending to **animals** (Dt. 22:6-7), providing **safety** in construction (Dt. 22:8), practicing **separation** in details (Dt. 22:9-12), and giving caution to **moral issues** (Dt. 22:13-30).

**I. Stewardship over Live Stock (22:1-4) > other’s property not yours for ignoring or obtaining**

A. The Problem: lost property (vv. 1-3);

1. Know about it? (Prov. 24:11-12)

2. Enemy? (Ex. 23:4-5) > golden rule (Mt. 7:12)

B. The Purpose: help owner (v. 4)

**II. Stewardship over Looks (22:5) > what message are you conveying?**

A. Avoid confusion of authority (v. 5a)

B. Avoid confusion of gender (v. 5b)

**III. Stewardship over Living Things (22:6-7)**

A. Spare the producer (v. 6) > *dam* = mother (which came first? Chicken or egg ( Chicken! [Gen. 1:20]).

B. Take the product (v. 7)

1. Don’t waste; prepare for future (Prov. 18:9)

2. Care about minute things in law for long life (Mt. 23:23; Jam. 2:10) for long life!

3. Lord cares about birds (I Cor. 9:9; Lk. 12:6)

**IV. Stewardship over Life (22:8-12**)

A. Care about manslaughter (v. 8) > accidental death (19:5 ff.) > II Sam. 16:22 (cf. II Sam. 11:2)

B. Care about mixture (vv. 9-12) > II Cor. 6:11-7:1 (separation!)

1. Avoid Mixing Seeds (v. 9) > anti-Egyptian

2. Avoid Mixing Animals (v. 10) > ox = clean; ass = unclean; different animal strengths.

3. Avoid Mixing Material (v. 11) > Lev. 19:19 > anti-Egyptian

4. Advocate wearing fringes (v. 12) > braided fringes or tassels

a. *“gedil* (2x) > 4 quarters of garment >*“wreaths”* (I Ki. 7:17)

b. purpose > remember the Lord’s commandments (Num. 15:38 ff.) not mixed fringes reminding of Egypt. > II Cor. 6:14

**CONCLUSION**: **Do sweat the little stuff**: others, authority, distinctions, separation, etc.