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## Wool and Linen

As His people come back to the understanding that the whole Word of God is still true and applicable to us today, there is often expressed confusion concerning the mixing of threads.

### **Leviticus 19:19 (NKJV)**

“You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you.”

The confusion originates from the fact that some translations do not translate Leviticus 19:19 in the same way that the same command is issued in Deuteronomy 22:11.

### **Deuteronomy 22:11 (NKJV)**

“You shall not wear cloth of wool and linen mixed together.”

For example, let’s read the NASB:

### **Leviticus 19:19**

“You are to keep My statutes. You shall not breed together two kinds of your cattle; you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor wear a garment upon you of two kinds of material mixed together.”

*Unlike the NKJV, note how it just states “two kinds of material” shall not be mixed together. The Hebrew word in question here is sha`atnez. Strong’s analysis renders it as a wool and linen garment:*

- 1) mixed stuff, fabric of mixed weave, linsey-woolsey
  - a) a kind of cloth forbidden for garments
  - b) cloth made by weaving linen and wool together

Thus, it appears that the focus of the commandment is for us not to mix wool and linen and not concern specifically with other threads. The issuing of this commandment is in the same context of not mixing other things, one of those being seeds.

The spiritual understanding is that we are not to mix things. We are to not mix the ways of God, His seed, with other ways or instructions. There are countless ways that God's people have unfortunately done this, and they're still doing that today, justifying it in their own eyes.

So, perhaps, we should consider examining our own ways and practices and determine if we are taking the ways of God, the good seed, and mixing it with the ways of the World, the bad seed....just a thought.

**Shalom, and may Yahweh bless you in walking in the whole Word of God.**

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