

Fringe Benefits

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What was so wrong with the Levites elongating the fringe of their garments? These were important men that prepared the sacrifices to the true God. They handled the medical concerns regarding cleanliness. not-to-mention handling judicial matters to keep the nation of Israel morally clean. The Levite garment was designed by God for adornment and dignity.

The Fringe

First, pay attention to the purification offering. They wore white linen garments with a tunic that had a fringed bottom. In the course of their duties their white linen garments needed to remain free from blood. That is right, they were required to remain clean while preparing the sacrifices and have profound care in the way animals were bled into the soil. They could not disrespect their duties by carelessly staining their garments with blood.

A small amount of fringe prevented them from being careless with blood spatter. When that fringe was elongated it jumped into the line of duty with every move. Elongating the fringe was a way of shirking from their duties. Long fringe: an excuse for getting others to do your work for you. It was the garment of a lover of money.

Loving Money

Ha, this meant there was a group of Levites that found ways to get others to perform their priestly duties for them. Then these men who shirked the responsibilities due the true God found themselves all the "clean," "judgey," work. Bastards. That long fringe had absolutely nothing to do with being dressy, flamboyant, or vain. They were adulterating their dress to avoid the work they were responsible for performing. That was an abominable abuse of their position. The inheritance of a Levite was handling blood with sacred care.

Jesus set right the laws perverted by the remnant that rebuilt Jerusalem. In every illustration and utterance, not-to-mention his examples of unparalleled mercy toward women that pissed off those "judgey" no end, he gave explanations of all the perfect laws Israel perverted over time. Men let sin prevail. We know that the Fine Shepherd will make the law perfect within us for drawing close to Him. A remnant of faithful servants always existed.

Be the Serpent

Aaron and his sons had a purification offering made to anoint them in their priesthood. The requirement, remain clean. Caution in their duties prevented recklessly contaminating themselves with blood. Unwitting contamination was inevitable. A finger spatter God required. Never were they to be careless in their duties.

The order Christ gave, and Christ replaced all sacrifices, be cautious as a serpent and innocent as a dove. To knowingly take risks is a sin against Christ's blood. Daredevil stunts anger the Fine Shepherd. Adorning yourself to shirk your duties also incurs the same anger. It is not a loophole. Do you want to wear sequins? Fine. Conceal the definition of your genitals and do your own honest day's work. If you are Liberace, sequins and fringe, work for you.