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Tsitsit

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OBEDIENCE



Tsitsit

The Hebrew word transliterated as tsitsit is צִיצִית (#6734). In Numbers 15:38 this word is translated: fringes or tassels.

"And Yahweh spoke unto Moses, saying, speak unto the sons of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: and it shall be unto you for a fringe, that you may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of Yahweh, and do them; and that you seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you use to go a whoring: that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy unto your Elohim."

—Numbers 15:37-40

For whatever reason this command is deemed as archaic, obsolete and not revelant for the present day believers. The very people who say that Scripture is the foundation of their faith will vehemently oppose adherance to this command and yet have no problem keeping the traditions of men with the wearing of suit and tie. This is none other than the spirit of rebellion at play.

Regardless of others' disobedience, let us now consider the importance of this command. The tsitsit (tassels) are to serve as a reminder to keep Yahweh's commandments, for this reason alone one professing faith should want to walk in obedience to Yahweh's word. After all, Yahshua himself quoted Deuteronomy 8:3 in saying, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh" (Matthew 4:4). If Yahweh's word is eternal and we are to seek guidance therefrom, may we not be found lacking in our obedience hereto.

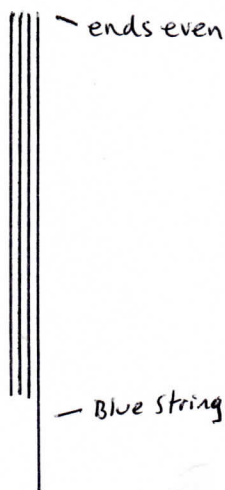
"If you love me, keep My commandments," John 14:15

In Deuteronomy 22:12 we read, "You shall make you fringes (tsitsit) upon the four quarters of your vesture, wherewith you cover yourself." Numbers 15:38-39 says that the fringe is to have a ribbon of blue and that the fringe is to be visible; Deuteronomy 22:12 says the fringe is to be wore on the four corners of one's garment. Jewish tradition focuses on the word blue and attempts to nullify the command by saying the shade of blue made at the time of the command was produced by a rare snail unavailable today, thus making tsitsit having no blue thread. They also focus on the word translated as quarters and make a rectangular undershirt with four corners upon which the tsitsit are attached to. Such a garment provides no visibility should the tsitsit be tucked away beneath overlaying clothing.

The making of tsitsit is for the wearer to do. They do not require a special blessing by a rabbi to make them valid or kosher (proper). In making my tsitsit I use 100% cotton wrap, navy blue and white (the blue representing truth and the white purity).

Making Tsitsit with meaning:

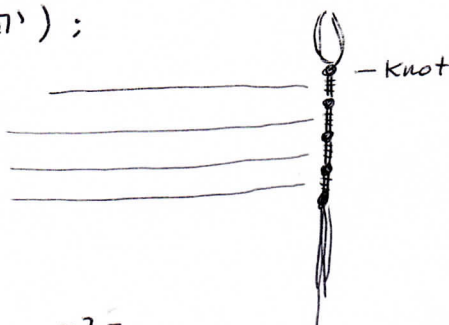
One tassel requires three strands of white 26" long and one blue strand 40" long (the blue strand is used in wrapping between knots).



- Fold strings in half so to produce a loop.
- Tie a knot (two over and under) with three white and one blue in each hand.
- Using the long blue string, wrap the other strings ten times beneath the knot and tie another knot with three white and one blue in each hand.
- Using the long blue string wrap the other strings five times and then tie a knot.
- The third wrapping is six times, a knot, and then the fourth wrapping is five times and a knot.

The number of wraps 10/5/6/5 are the numerical value of the letters of Yahweh's name (יהוה);

י = 10
ה = 5
ו = 6
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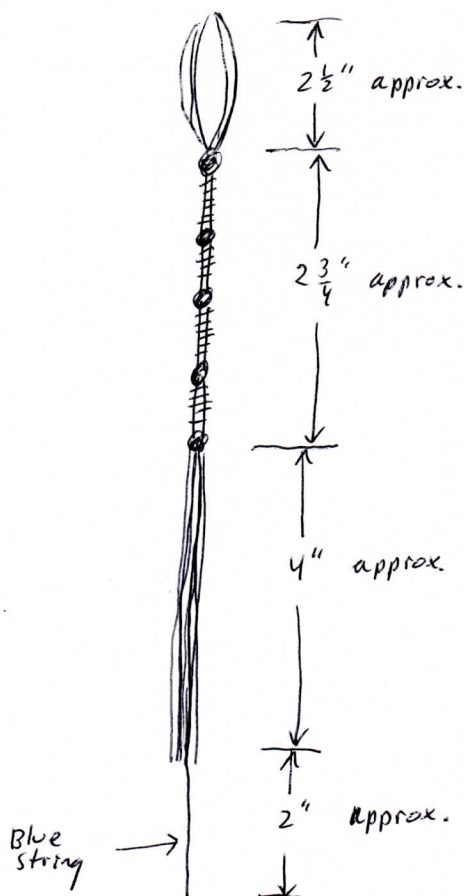


Since Yahweh's people are to be set-apart (qodesh), it is the tsitsit which visibly distinguishes them from the world. Therefore they should be worn with honor regardless of what others think or say.

Verses of Scripture for Study:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
 John 14:15
 Exodus 20:1-17
 Deuteronomy 5:6-21
 Malachi 4:4
 Hebrews 10:16-17
 Deuteronomy 33:2
 Matthew 4:4
 Isaiah 8:20

Isaiah 40:8
 Isaiah 33:22
 Numbers 15:37-41
 Deuteronomy 22:12
 Matthew 9:20; 14:36
 Matthew 19:17-19
 1 Peter 2:21
 1 John 2:6; 3:24
 Acts 5:32



- The tassels may be looped through belt loops on pants. (Remove before washing.)

I am Yahweh your Elohim who brought you out of the land of Egypt from the house of servitude, not it shall be to you other Elohim before My face.

Not you shall make to you a graven image and any likeness which in the heavens from above and which in the land from beneath and which in the water from beneath to the land; not you shall bow down to them and not you shall serve them because I am Yahweh your Elohim, a jealous El visiting the father's iniquity upon sons upon the third and upon the fourth to My haters and do loving-kindness to thousands to My lovers and to the guarders of My commandments.

Not you shall lift up the name of Yahweh your Elohim to vainity because not Yahweh shall pardon that he shall lift up His name to vainity.

Remember the Sabbath day to sanctify it. Six days you shall serve and shall do all your work and the seventh day is sabbath to Yahweh your Elohim. Not you shall do any work, you and your son and your daughter, your servant and your maidservant and your cattle and your stranger who is in your gates, because six days Yahweh made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all which in them. And He rested in the seventh day, upon thus Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it.

Honor your father and your mother so that your days shall be lengthenied upon the ground which Yahweh your Elohim gave to you.

Not you shall murder. Not you shall commit adultery.

Not you shall steal. Not you shall answer with your neighbor a false witness.

Not you shall covet the house of your neighbor; not you shall covet the wife of your neighbor and his servant and his maidservant and his ox and his donkey and all which to your neighbor.

