

AGAIN, REMEMBER

1 Corinthians 10.11

**“Now all these things happened to them as examples,
and they were written for our admonition...”**

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Speaking of Old Testament events, this verse reminds us that we may learn from the Israelites' behaviour in their experiences.

In Numbers 15, we are told of the judgment that God would bring on the Israelites if they continued to be rebellious and then we read in vs.37-41:

“...the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Speak to the children of Israel: tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments...and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners. And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and REMEMBER all the commandments of the LORD, and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined...I AM the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God, I AM the Lord your God’”

What a clear picture of how God understands our weaknesses. He understands that we can be so easily distracted from fixed, single-minded devotion to Him into waywardness, and He is always ready to provide help for us, sometimes with the sharp jolts that we need!

God instructed the priests to have ‘tassels’ on the corners of their garments, to prompt and remind them to focus on Himself and His ways.

Today He has given to each who trust in Him, the most precious gift of the indwelling **HOLY SPIRIT** as our Helper and Teacher who

comes alongside, reminding and encouraging us to **remember** that the LORD has called each one of us “*out of darkness into His marvellous light*” (1 Peter 2:9) leading us into a walk with Him of obedience and trust.

Not for us lifeless ‘tassels’, but the living, indwelling Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Father, the Spirit of grace and truth, given to be our constant companion, encouraging us into a worship of thankfulness, “*that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory*” (Ephesians 1.12)

“*...do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s*”
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)