Deuteronomy

Lesson 8 Deuteronomy 22-24

Chapter 22 begins a list of various laws for the people's behavior regarding their neighbors, laws regarding constructing a home, laws of not mixing two materials, and many other things. It can seem strange to see some of these laws placed next to each other, however there is a purpose to it: To underline for the people the difference between holy and unclean and the need for God's people to be moral according to His command, not their own will. In chapter 23 Moses moves on to laws regarding the assembly of God's people, of their war camps, and dealings with slaves and prostitutes. These laws further stress God's standard of holiness in all things for His chosen people. Chapter 24 is where Moses gives commands regarding divorce, kidnapping, leprosy, and even the oppression of the poor. These commands all focus on the need for holiness and wise judgment, of love for God and for our neighbor.

Notes

Homework:

As you read the laws in Chapters 22-24 look for common themes and ideas that link these seemingly disparate laws together.

Questions:

1. The people were going to enter a land full of wickedness, how do the laws found in Deuteronomy 22 help the people to remain holy as they drive out the nations and then live in the land?

2. Why were some not allowed entrance to the assembly of God's people? When is this symbolically reversed in Scripture?

3. How did Moses' command regarding divorce seek to limit the spread of sin in the land?