

Notes and Quotes

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Num. 15:40-41

"So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. 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."

It will be good for us to observe, in this passage, a connection that applies to us today: **Who God is** and **How We Ought To Live!**

The Lord said to Moses, the people of Israel needed to remember Him, by being holy and keeping His commandments.

Once we become convinced of God's existence, then become acquainted with His perfection, grace and sovereignty – that knowledge should prompt us to live as He directs, to be holy and keep His commandments. Knowing who God is should prompt us to treat Him with the respect and obedience He deserves and commands.

In the New Testament this principle emerges.

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the

blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin," (1 Jno. 1:5-7).

Here is the connection – God is light. Because God is light, our response should be to walk in the light. Again it is clear, who God is should prompt in us, respect that leads to obedience.

Matthew Henry: The people are ordered by the Lord to make fringes on the borders of their garments. The Jews were distinguished from their neighbours in their dress, as well as in their diet, and thus taught not to be conformed to the way of the heathen in other things. They proclaimed themselves Jews wherever they were, as not ashamed of God and his law. The fringes were not appointed for trimming and adorning their clothes, but to stir (2 Peter 3:1) tempted to sin, the fringe would warn them not to break God's commandments. We should use every means of refreshing our memories with the truths and precepts of God's word, to strengthen and quicken our obedience, and arm our minds against temptation. Be holy unto your God; cleansed from sin, and sincerely devoted to his service; and that great reason for all the commandments is again and again repeated, "I am the Lord your God."

