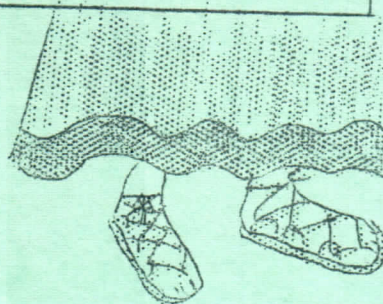


God had told His people to wear a fringe with blue on their clothes. This fringe would remind the person of God.



So God's people put a tassel with blue on the corner of their outer cloaks. If you saw a person with a tassel on the corner of his cloak, you might think -

Here is a man with a blue fringe.

This man obeys God.

This man is good.

Some men did a strange thing! They decided to wear very wide fringes so that the people who saw them might say -

Here is a man with a wide blue fringe.

This man tries very hard to obey God.

This man is very good.

If a man had a very wide border on his cloak, did this mean he was very good?

Jesus said NO. These men make wide borders just to be seen by other men. They do not really try to please God. They fix up the outside dress but inside their hearts they did not obey God. (See Matthew 23:5)

God does not think only about the clothes on the outside. He sees the heart. Jesus said -

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)