

# Deuteronomy 22:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.

## Analysis

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**In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.** The expansion to all lost thing demonstrates the comprehensive scope of neighbor love. This is not limited to livestock but applies to any possession - animals, clothing, or any lost property.

The repetition thou mayest not hide thyself reinforces prohibition against willful blindness. God addresses the natural human tendency to avoid inconvenient obligations by pretending not to notice others' needs.

The inclusiveness all lost thing...which he hath lost, and thou hast found establishes the principle broadly rather than limiting it to specific examples. The law teaches a mindset of active care for neighbors' welfare across all situations.

This comprehensive neighbor-love anticipates Jesus' teaching in the Good Samaritan parable - genuine love crosses boundaries and categories, actively helping anyone in need rather than finding excuses for indifference.

## Historical Context

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This law created culture of mutual care and trust within Israel. People could lose items knowing that finders would preserve and restore them rather than claiming them as windfall.

Such laws distinguished Israel from surrounding cultures where finding lost property created ownership rights.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. What does the expansion to 'all lost thing' teach about the scope of neighbor love?
2. How does prohibition against hiding yourself address human tendency toward convenient indifference?
3. Why does God establish principles broadly rather than limiting them to specific cases?
4. How does this law anticipate Jesus' teaching in the Good Samaritan parable?
5. What culture of mutual care results when communities practice comprehensive neighbor love?

## Interlinear Text

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וְכִי	וְתַעֲשֶׂה ה	לְחֹמֶר ו	וְכִי	
In like manner	and so shalt thou do	with his ass	In like manner	
H3651	H6213	H2543	H3651	
וְתַעֲשֶׂה ה	לְשִׁמְלָתוֹ	וְכִי	וְתַעֲשֶׂה ה	לְכֹל
and so shalt thou do	with his raiment	In like manner	and so shalt thou do	
H6213	H8071	H3651	H6213	H3605
וְאִבֹּת	אֶחָיו	אֲשֶׁר	תֵּאבֹד	מִמֶּנּוּ
and with all lost thing	of thy brother's		which he hath lost	
H9	H251	H834	H6	H4480
וּמָצָאתָ ה	לֹא	תֹכֵל	לְהִתְעַלֵּם:	
and thou hast found		likewise thou mayest	not hide	
H4672	H3808	H3201	H5956	

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