

Text: **Deuteronomy 16:18-22**

UPHOLDING JUSTICE IN THE LAND

1. The Judicial System

The following were to be appointed: -

a) Judges

b) Officers

(Deuteronomy 16:18)

2. The Lord's part

a) He will give provide

b) All tribes will be given judges and officers

(Deuteronomy 16:18)

3. The work of the Judges

a) To judge the cases brought to them

b) They are to give true judgments

(Deuteronomy 16:18)

VITAL WARNING

1. Not to pervert justice

(Deuteronomy 16:19)

2. Not to show partiality

(Deuteronomy 16:19)

3. Not to take bribes

(Deuteronomy 16:19)

a) It blinds the eyes of the wise

b) It twists the words of the righteous

COMMANDMENT TO BE HEEDED

1. Follow what is altogether just

(Deuteronomy 16:20)

2. For all judges and officers

SEVERE WARNING AGAINST IDOLATRY

1. No wooden image near an altar (Deuteronomy 16:21)

2. No sacred pillar... this is hated by the LORD (Deuteronomy 16:22)