

# Exodus 20:22 – 23:19 Outline

**1. Why Justice Is So Important  
(4 values of a Thriving society)**

2. Why Justice Is So Hard To Get

3. How Justice Is Made Possible

**Exodus 21:1** Now these are the rules that you shall set before them.

**Exodus 21:2** If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years, but in the seventh year he will go out free without paying anything. (NET)

**Exodus 21:16** Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.

**Exodus 21:15** Whoever strikes his father  
or his mother shall be put to death.

**Exodus 21:22-23** When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life,

**Exodus 22:1** If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it or sells it, he shall repay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.

**Exodus 22:6** If fire breaks out and catches in thorns so that the stacked grain or the standing grain or the field is consumed, he who started the fire shall make full restitution.

**Exodus 23:14-16** Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to me. You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. ... You shall keep the Feast of Harvest, of the firstfruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor.

**Exodus 23:31** And I will set your border from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates...

**Exodus 22:21-24** You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn...

**Exodus 22:25** If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him.

**Exodus 23:4** If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall bring it back to him.

**Exodus 23:10-11** For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield, but the seventh year you shall let it rest..

# **Values that lead to a thriving society:**

- 1. Moral Clarity**
- 2. Human Dignity**
- 3. National Identity**
- 4. Compassionate Charity**

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**Exodus 23:20-21** Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him.

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**Romans 3:23-26** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a payment by his blood, to be received by faith... so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**Romans 7:6** But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.