

Exodus 22-24 - 4 June 2020

“The Giving Of The Law” Part 2 of 2

Introduction

Exodus is the story of Redemption & God’s salvation as seen thru the creation of the nation Israel.

Not just saved out of Egypt, but to do saved unto God

God wants them to be role-models or examples of HIM unto the whole world

To this end, He gives them His perfect Law.

1. Chap 19-21 - We saw God’s Law and how it is to Lead them to Redemption

Teaches them characteristics of God

Teaches them about the Spiritual Life

2. Today in Chap 22-24 – God’s Law will show us how it is to Lead them to Character for THIS life

Today, 4 Attributes to be developed b/c of God’s Law

#1 – God’s Law should develop in us Integrity **(Chap 22:1-23:9)**

Read Chap 22:1-4

1. First part of honesty & Integrity is property rights and ownership.
 - a. You have rights to the things you own.
 - b. If stolen, thief restores 2-5 times as much.
2. Vs 2-3 – If thief be found breaking & entering your property at night, you have the right of lethal force defense
 - a. If during the day, it’s assumed you can stop short of lethal defense

Read Chap 22:5-6

1. So not just stealing property but stealing your neighbor’s resources.
2. Need integrity to obey, b/c might just blend in
 - a. Using your neighbor’s internet or water
3. Remember: This is how Israel will be governed but they’re still great principles to live by.

Read Chap 22:7-9

1. Be honest when using another man's possessions. Judges will decide if you're the thief.

Read Chap 22:10-13

1. Be willing to put your reputation on the line to defend what happened to another man's possessions while you had them. (Read Prov 22:1)

Read Chap 22:14-15

1. Restitution principle applies even to borrowing.
2. If owner was there; items are under his care.

Read Chap 22:16-17

1. Be honest about your commitment to her.
 - a. You whispered sweet nothings, now back them up with commitment.
 - b. Don't lie to keep what you want, then change your mind.
2. God's Law is the standard for what integrity looks like.

Read Chap 22:18-20

1. Of the Physical, Mental/Emotional, and Spiritual levels – these effect the spiritual health of the nation.
 - a. Thus have a harsh course of action
 - b. Bestiality – Lev 18:23 it's called confusion
 - i. An unnatural mixture of God's order
2. Salem Witch Trials – Should we kill witches?
 - a. No, these laws were to establish a national ID that represented the Lord God.
 - b. It would be equivalent to not allowing a witch to serve in or lead the church today.

Read Chap 22:21-24

1. James said this is pure religion
2. God delights to care for the helpless

Read Chap 22:25-27

1. Don't take advantage of the poor by charging interest money, or taking what they need to live.

Read Chap 22:28

1. *Gods* here is judges/leaders.
2. Just as they shouldn't take advantage of the poor, they should respect the position of the rulers.

Read Chap 22:29-31

1. In offering the first part of all our possessions to God, we don't have an excuse later to lie and say, "I don't have enough for God".
2. The process of redemption would be used to replace the offering to God of the firstborn.

Read Chap 23:1-3

1. Vs 1-2 – Just as you wouldn't pervert truth to gain money, don't pervert truth for popularity of the crowd.
2. Vs 3 – Don't pervert truth b/c you pity a poor man.

Read Chap 23:4-5

1. If only helping friends, what thank have thee?

Read Chap 23:6-9

1. Don't pervert truth to gain money

#2 – God’s Law should develop in us Devotion **(Chap 23:10-19)**

Read Chap 23:10-12

1. The lands Sabbath rest was also part of their welfare program for the poor.
2. Not holding this law would equate to the time-period Israel will be sent into Babylon.
3. These Sabbath rests taught them devotion to God, brought togetherness.

Read Chap 23:13-17

1. Obedience to Sabbaths showed devotion of their down-time, now attending the Feasts shows obedience in their up-time.

Read Chap 23:18-19

1. Leaven represents sin. No leaven=Devotion

#3 – God’s Law should develop in us Patience (As they conquer the land) (Chap 23:20-33)

Read Chap 23:20-23

1. The angel seems to be a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ.
2. It takes patience to follow another’s lead instead of doing what YOU think is best.

Read Chap 23:24-33

1. It takes patience to wait for the Lord to slowly drive out the Canaanites.
2. But it’s for there good that it happens slowly.
3. Vs 32 – Gibeonites would trick them into a covenant later, but they were of the land.

#4 – God’s Law should develop in us Commitment (Chap 24)

Read Chap 24:1-3

1. Just as at the beginning of giving the Law (Exo 19:8) and now again at the end. The commitment.

Read Chap 24:4-8

1. This took great commitment
 - a. Commitment of money – offer sacrifice
 - b. Commitment of time – to read whole Law
 - c. Commitment of their individuality – to become one together.

Read Chap 24:9-11

1. This is none other than the throne room of God as pictured on Eze 1, 10 and Rev 4.

Read Chap 24:12-18

1. So the special place Moses has in the plan of God b/c of his commitment to serving the Lord.

Conclusion

So 4 Attributes that should be developed from God's Law.

NOTE: Though we're not under the burden of keeping the Law, we're still guided by the Holy Spirit that leads us into the *same perfect principles*.

1. **Integrity** – Do you have an honesty about all your transactions with people?
2. **Devotion** – Do you have markers or traditions in your life (like feasts) that show your devotion to the Lord?
3. **Patience** – Do you agree that you're getting God's best when He gives you success lowly?
4. **Commitment** – Have you committed your time, money and individuality to the Lord?