

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

God's Blessing for the Nations

With Michele Elstone
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What would God want for us as a people of God on mission, pertaining to our role at home and abroad? And what is God asking of each of us personally?

Sojourner: This Hebrew term and its translation convey the basic idea that a person or group is residing either temporarily or permanently, in a community and place that is not primarily their own and is dependent on the good-will of that community for their continued existence.

Leviticus 19:33-34 (NIV) “When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. ³⁴ You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 23:22 (NIV) “And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.”

Deuteronomy 10:8 (NIV) “He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.”

Exodus 23:9 “You shall not oppress the sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.”

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Mathew 22:37-39 (NIV) Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

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Big idea: Our ultimate mission is to share Jesus. But our platform is love.

What would God want for me pertaining to my role as a missionary at home and abroad? And what is God asking of me personally?

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”



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- 2) Read Leviticus 19:33-34 & 23:22. What is the **Context** for these passages? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 3) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about the passages? What is the major theme in the passage?
- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in these passages for us and what does this tell us about God's plan of blessing for the Nations?
- 5) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through this study? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). In what way do you need to recognize your role in God's blessing to the Nations? What does it look like for you to obediently share the Good News at home and abroad?



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