

Learning to Work the Blade



Exodus 21.1-6

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Male Slaves



...then his master shall bring him to God, then he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl, and he shall serve him permanently.

Exodus 21:6

- This relationship is built on the basis of human dignity.
- The law celebrates the sanctity of marriage, while honoring the rights of the master.
- The law imagines a relationship of slave and master grounded in love.

2

Female Slaves



- The law protects the most vulnerable.
- Her status as wife and daughter are more important than her status as slave.

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Capital Crimes

- Capital punishment reflects the basic value of human life.
- There is protection for those who kill without intent.
- The law reflects the high value of family and slaves.



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Bodily Injury

- The law operates under the principle of restitution.
- Slaves are protected from cruelty and unjust punishment.
- The unborn are protected as innocent people.
- The law offers bounded justice.



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Negligence

- Our responsibility for one another is more important than our freedom to own and use property.



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God transforms our everyday by leading us to see others, ourselves, and our things through His lens.
