

Exodus 21 – 23  
“*Making Sense Of The Law*”

~ INTRO ~

TONIGHT...

- We're going to discover how practical God's word is.
  - How His word reveals His way over a variety of topics.

AS I MENTIONED THE LAST TIME...

- If you've been away from church & out of relationship with Jesus...
  - You've forgotten about the goodness of God.

SO TOO...

- The Israelites had been in slavery for 400-yrs...
  - And had forgotten how to live set apart for God.

THE SAME THING IS TRUE FOR US...

- When we stop reading the word of God...
  - We begin to meddle in *hopelessness* again.

REMEMBER...

- I. (Ex. 19) The Law was instituted from Mount Sinai by God.
  - Law (Hebrew Torah) = Means human direction.
- II. (Ex. 20) God gave the 10-Commandments.
  - Which express His righteous will.
    - Commandments 1-4 dealt with man-to-God direction.
    - Commandments 5-10 dealt with man-to-man direction.

NOW TODAY...

- III. (Ex. 21 – 23) God gives judgments outlining **civil matters**.
  - These are social standards and NOT **spiritual rituals**.

HERE'S WHAT WE LEARN:

- (Exodus 21:1-4)

CHAPTER #21

**a) Master-Servant Boundaries**

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- Length of service
- Conditions of service
- What you get at end of service (wife / kids)

SLAVERY HAS BEEN A REALITY...

- In all parts of the world...
  - And these are a few concepts to govern treatment of people.

Interesting to note... (Prov 22:7) NKJV

*“... borrows are servants to the lenders”*

**b) Personal Injuries (Ex. 21:12-17)**

- Murder
- Parental abuse
- Kidnappers
- Mutual combat (Ex. 21:18-27)
- Injuries sustained by animals (Ex. 21:28-36)

**CHAPTER #22**

**c) Property Rights (Ex. 22:1-15)**

- (v.2) In Colorado we have the “Castle Doctrine”

~ WARNING graphic adult content read from scriptures next ~

**d) Dishonorable Practices (Ex. 22:16-25)**

- Date rape (v.16)
- Spiritism (v.18)
- Animal sex (v.19)

c.p. (Lev. 20:10-27)

- Community practices that oppress people (v.25)

**FOLLOW THE POINT...**

- Evil... is acceptable to people that don't know God!
  - However... it's light that leads out of darkness.
    - (Ps 43:3) NKJV

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**CHAPTER #23**

(Ex. 23:1-2)

- Think about protests (v.2)
- Think about political “special interest” groups in Washington DC (v.8)

**e) Cultivation of Land (Ex. 23:10-13)**

- Honoring God personally

**f) Religious Feast Days (Ex. 23:14-17)**

- Honoring God nationally
  - Unleavened bread = Passover Feast (April / May)
    - (Celebrates Exodus from Egypt)
  - Feast of Harvest = Pentecost (May / June)
    - (Celebrates the giving of the 10-Commandments)
  - Feast of Ingathering = Feast of Booths /Tabernacles (Sept. / Oct)
    - (Remembers wilderness wanderings) (Lev. 23:43)

HERE’S THE RESULT...

- Being blessed (Ex. 23:20-33)

**~ IN CLOSING ~**

MAY THE TESTIMONY OF GOD’S WORD...

- Lead us to a relationship with Jesus...
  - And a love for His ways.