

Sermon Questions

Exodus 21:1-23:9

This week we covered quite a bit of ground from Exodus 21:1-23:9. We learned and discovered God's love and justice in His Law. These chapters cover Case Law for the nation of Israel. In other words, God demonstrates how to apply His law using different scenarios that may occur within His covenant community. Although Christ is the fulfillment of the law and these laws do not specifically apply to us today, the understanding of God's heart behind His law for Israel is important for us to understand as believers today. Too often people believe that the Laws of God are not binding and therefore we do not need to be acquainted with them. As we understand the law we learn of God's heart for His people (images bearers), property, possessions, principles, and priorities. Although this may be the only message you ever hear on these chapters, it is important to appreciate and honor God's heart in the giving of the Law. May this message be an encouragement to you as you continue to seek the Lord.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

God Values Love & Justice

Exodus 21:1-23:9

God values love & justice concerning people & privileges (21:1-36)

God values love & justice concerning possessions & property (22:1-15)

God values love & justice concerning principles & priorities (22:16-23:9)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why does God begin this section discussion slavery and polygamy? Is God for these two distasteful practices? How does Case Law for these two scenarios help us understand God's heart for the marginalized? Why are these explanations important?
2. How does God feel about capital punishment? Why is God for capital punishment? What are the four offenses listed in Exodus 21:12-17 that would qualify for capital punishment? Discuss why God believes murder, violence against parents, kidnapping, and cursing parents deserves death?

3. How does God feel about personal injury cases in Exodus 21:18-27? Why does God care so much about people? How do all people bear the image of God? Who is responsible when other people are injured? What does this teach about the justice of God?
4. What is your responsibility when someone else's property or family is hurt because of your neglect? What is God teaching His people about responsibility? Why should we make sure that we assume responsibility for how our property or possessions may be harmful to others?
5. What provision does God provide to a homeowner in lieu of a thief breaking in? What happens if the homeowner kills the thief? What happens if the thief lives? What may be the reasons that God sets His law this way for both the homeowner and the thief?
6. What happens if you are responsible for the destruction of another man's property? How should he be repaid? Why does God want those whose property was damaged to be repaid in full with the best from those who hurt them? What does this teach you about God's heart?
7. Why does God go into great detail about when you are borrowing things from another person? Why should a person be careful about what they borrow? How should you treat borrowed goods from another person? Why should you return things better than how you borrowed them?
8. How does God feel about young unmarried girls? Why does God provide statutes to protect the rights of unmarried girls? How is the father of his daughter considered important to God's Law? Why? How should a father be involved in the marriage of his children?
9. How does God feel about idolatry? Why is capital punishment to be exercised for this offense? Why does God want to be the ONLY ONE who is worshipped? How does idolatry impact the entire community?
10. How does God want the needy in his community to be considered? How does God feel about the poor? The orphan? The widow? The stranger? Why does God care so much about the marginalized? Who does He expect to take care of them? Why? What is your responsibility?
11. How does God want to be honored in worship? Why is first fruits giving so important to God? How is this different than simply giving God your scraps? How might you grow in your first fruits giving to the Lord?
12. Why does God care so much about justice and telling the truth? Why are we told to not curse God or a leader? Why are we called to not bear false witness against the

Lord? Why does God want us to tell us the truth even if has a bad outcome for those we love?

13. Read Matthew 5:17-20, Romans 5:6-8, and Romans 10:4. How does Jesus Christ feel about the Law? Will any of the Law change? How does Jesus feel about those who change the Law or refuse to teach it? How is Christ now the end of (the fulfillment of) the Law? How does Christ work out His Law through all of us who believe?
14. Why is this teaching so important to the Lord? How grateful are you that you attend a church that is willing to teach the full counsel of God?
15. What was your greatest take-a-way this weekend about the Lord? What is an immediate application you can make to align yourself more with God's will?