

Exodus (The Way Out)

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Exodus 21-23 “Live Your Faith”

The Gospel gap we all struggle with is the disparity between what we believe and how we behave. It is the gap between the fact that your past sins are forgiven (justification) and your future in heaven secure (glorification) but how do you Live Your Faith in the here and now (Sanctification/Phil2:12-13; Gal2:14)? Having been redeemed (Ex19:4-5) and given the Ten Commandments (Ex20:1-17), Moses explains and applies God’s law to various aspects of everyday life (Ex21-23).

Caring for Servants (Employees) 21:1-11

General Instruction vv1-4

Bond Servants vv5-6

Female Employees vv7-11

(Exodus 21:16, 26-27; Deut15:12; 23:15; Philemon)

- Treat people who work for you with utmost respect and generous compensation. Vv1-3; Eph6:5-9
- Treat them so well that they will want to voluntarily continue to serve out of their love for you. Vv4-6; Ps40:6-8
- Treat female employees lovingly and justly, protecting them emotionally and physically. Vv7-11

Compensating personal injuries & property 21:12-22:15

Intentional and Unintentional Homicide Ex21:12-14

Assault or Cursing Parents vv15-17

Life Threatening Injuries vv18-21

Permanent Injuries vv22-27

Injuries Associated with Animals vv28-32

Property damage or loss 22:1-15

- As image bearers of God, people and their property matter to Him.
- God is just and demands justice; therefore, the punishment should fit the crime. Ex21:23-25
- “I’m sorry” doesn’t cut it, you must make restitution. Matt5:23-26; Rom12:18

Social Justice: Respecting Humanity 22:16-23:33

No one should ever be exploited: This includes virgins (Ex22:16-17), foreigners in the land (vv21), widows (vv22-24), and the poor (25-27).

Occult practices (Ex22:18), bestiality (v19) and idolatry (v20) is condemned.

Show respect for God & leaders. v28

Be Generous with what God has blessed you with. vv29-30

Consecrate your whole life to God v31

Dispense Justice (Ex23:1-9): Judgment must NOT be influenced by numbers (v2), money (vv3, 6, 8), personal feelings (vv4-5), or social status (v9).

Celebrate Holy Times vv10-19

Conquering the Promise Land vv20-33

- You are generously loved by God; therefore, you can love generously.
- We owe God our obedience (Ex22:16-27), our respect (Ex22:28), our first fruits (Ex22:29-30; 23:19), our hearts (Ex22:31), & our worship (Ex23:10-18).
- God loves you, knows you and wants the very best for you. Ex23:20-33; Jer29:11

Why It’s Hard to Live Your Faith:

- 1) We underestimate the presence of sin in our lives. Gal5:17
- 2) We underutilize the power of Christ in our lives. Gal5:16; Phil4:13
- 3) We underrate the process that change takes in our lives. Gal6:7-9

Four Questions to Help You Live Your Faith:

- 1) Who is God? Ex20:2
- 2) What has God done? Ex19:4
- 3) Who am I in light of God’s work? Ex19:5
- 4) How should I live in light of God’s work? Ex19:6

Growing Notes

- 1) Read the introduction to this sermon. What is the Gospel gap? Why do you think there can be such a disparity between what we believe and how we behave? What’s the point of Exodus 21-23?
- 2) Do a quick overview of Exodus 21-23 using the outline on the sermon notes. What stands out to you from this section? Why did the people need for Moses to explain and apply God’s law to the various aspects of their everyday life? Review the nine applicational statements from the overview of Exodus 21-23. How do these help in understanding the intent of these three chapters?
- 3) What are the three reasons that living our faith is so hard? Which one(s) most resonate with you? What are the four questions that will help us to live out our faith? How will confronting yourself with the truth of those four questions at the moment you need to be different help you to live your faith? In what area of your life do you need to do that? Pray.