

The Sacred Journey

Message: OT Laws for NT Living

Text: Exodus 21:1–22:15

Warm-Up

When you hear the phrase “Old Testament laws,” what emotions or images come to mind? Why do you think many people find these passages difficult to understand or apply today?

Observation Questions

1. What are some of the areas of life that God’s laws in Exodus 21–22 address? (Hint: work, injury, safety, property, etc.)
2. How does the passage begin—with laws about Hebrew slaves? Why might God start there?
3. How do these chapters show God’s concern for justice, fairness, and community order?

Interpretation Questions

4. Why is it important to remember that these laws were given within the cultural context of the Ancient Near East? How does that help us read them rightly today?
5. In what ways do these laws reflect the heart and character of God? What do they reveal about His care for people?
6. Jesus said all the Law and the Prophets hang on loving God and loving our neighbor (Matthew 22:37–40). How does this statement help us interpret Old Testament laws today?

Application Questions

Economic Stability (Exodus 21:2–11)

7. How can we honor God through the way we handle money and debt? What practices encourage freedom rather than financial bondage?
8. What modern habits or financial systems might contradict God’s heart for economic justice?

Physical Safety (Exodus 21:12–36)

9. How does God’s law protect human life and promote responsibility? What examples of negligence do we see in our world today?
10. How can believers actively promote safety and care for others in their homes, workplaces, and communities?

Property and Integrity (Exodus 22:1–15)

11. Why does God emphasize restitution rather than revenge or indifference? What does this teach us about accountability?

12. What are some ways we might steal—intentionally or unintentionally—through time, honesty, or use of resources?

13. How can we cultivate integrity and respect for what belongs to others?

Closing Reflection & Prayer

Reflect on how God's laws still express His love for order, justice, and compassion. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you honor God in every area of life—finances, relationships, work, and integrity.