

# Allen Temple Baptist Church

*Sunday School Live* 

**Winter Quarter Theme: *Justice, Law, History***  
***Unit 2: "God: The Source of Justice"***

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**Sunday January 16, 2022**  
**The Laws of Justice and Mercy**  
**Text: Exodus 23: 1- 13**  
**Read Exodus Chapter.23**

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## KEY VERSE EXODUS 23:1-12 NRSV

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**<sup>2</sup> You shall not follow a majority in wrongdoing; when you bear witness in a lawsuit, you shall not side with the majority so as to pervert justice;**  
**<sup>3</sup> nor shall you be partial to the poor in a lawsuit..**

# INTRODUCTION

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## **Exodus 20. The 10 Commandments**

- 1. You shall have no other gods before me.**
- 2. You shall not make any graven images of me(idols).**
- 3. You shall not take the name of The Lord God in Vain.**
- 4. Remember the Sabbath Day & Keep it Holy.**
- 5. Honor your Mother and your Father.**

# INTRODUCTION

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## Exodus 20: The 10 Commandments

6. You shall not kill.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not bear false witness.

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

# INTRODUCTION EXODUS: 21, 22

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**Exodus 21: 1- 10 Fair Treatment of Slaves.**

**Exodus 21: 12 – 35 Personal Injury, Assaults,  
Domestic Violence, Criminal Law, Accidents.**

**Exodus 22:1-14 Laws on Personal Property.**

**Exodus 22: 16-31 Social Responsibility(Morals).**

# THE LAWS OF JUSTICE AND MERCY

## Exodus 23: 1-2 NRSV

**You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with the wicked to act as a malicious witness. <sup>2</sup> You shall not follow a majority in wrongdoing; when you bear witness in a lawsuit, you shall not side with the majority so as to pervert justice.**

# THE LAWS OF JUSTICE AND MERCY

## Exodus 23:3-5 NRSV

<sup>3</sup> nor shall you be partial to the poor in a lawsuit.

<sup>4</sup> When you come upon your enemy's ox or donkey going astray, you shall bring it back.

<sup>5</sup> When you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden and you would hold back from setting it free, you must help to set it free.

# THE LAWS OF JUSTICE AND MERCY

## Exodus 23:6-7 NRSV

**<sup>6</sup> You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in their lawsuits. <sup>7</sup> Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and those in the right, for I will not acquit the guilty.**



## KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

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1. The Laws were to enforce order and honor to God from the Israelites and to treat each other fairly.
2. No social or economic class made anyone exempt from justice.
3. God promised to judge all equally and would not acquit the guilty.

# QUESTIONS???

- 1. What normally happens when gossip is spread? What Does GOD say about it?**
- 2. What are some of the consequences of joining the crowd in wrongdoing?**
- 3. Do we question God's existence when injustice affects us?**

# THE LAWS OF JUSTICE AND MERCY

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## Exodus 23:8-9 NRSV

You shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the officials, and subverts the cause of those who are in the right.<sup>9</sup> You shall not oppress a resident alien; you know the heart of an alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

# THE LAWS OF JUSTICE AND MERCY

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## Exodus 23:10-11 NRSV

<sup>10</sup> For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; <sup>11</sup> but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the wild animals may eat. You shall do the same with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.

# THE LAWS OF JUSTICE AND MERCY

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## Exodus 23:12-13 NRSV

<sup>12</sup> Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your donkey may have relief, and your homeborn slave and the resident alien may be refreshed. <sup>13</sup> Be attentive to all that I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.

## KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

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1. The Laws were to govern God's Covenant with Israel. Their history of apostasy was of their flesh which is enmity against God's spirit.
2. Greed & arrogance are causes of injustice.
3. Every Law was specific to behaviors that corrupted their unity and obedience to God.



# APPLICATION FOR LIFE

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- 1. How does my life line up with God's law?**
- 2. The Body of Christ should not be divided.**
- 3. The absence of united strength in a Supreme God and fighting for justice is a threat to the safety and security of our freedom & equality.  
We Must Do Better.**

# APPLICATION FOR LIFE

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**Allowing or practicing injustice is against GOD's Law.**

**Every believer has a responsibility to obey Gods law.**

**If we are unfair to our neighbor or brother / sister  
We must be accountable for ourselves. Treat  
each other with Love. GOD WILL JUDGE.**

**Envision a United Undivided Sanctified Church.  
FAITH + WORKS = RESULTS**