

## **Applying God's Principles Exodus 21-22**

10 Commandments form basis for God's law

Give us principles that need to be applied

Honor parental authority

Respect human life as God-given

Respect personal property of others

Regard the reputation of others

Restrain your desires for things

Principles are applied by God in specific cases in the chapters that follow

### **I. Respecting Human Life - 21:1-17**

1. Caring for servants - 21:1-11

Poverty may bring servitude, limit 6 yrs – 1-4

Perpetual servitude is a personal choice

Motivated by love – 5-6

Protection given to female servants – 7-11

2. Capital Crimes against humans - 21:12-17

Premeditated murder - 12-14

Provision made for manslaughter

Physical abuse of parents - 15

Kidnapping - 16

Verbal abuse of parents - 17

### **II. Personal Injury Liability – 21:18-36**

1. Injury in fighting – 18-19

Pay loss time & medical expenses

2. Abuse of servant – 20-21,26-27

Appropriately punished

3. Injury to Mother with child - 22-25

Judges determine penalty

4. Caused by animal - 28-32

Owner is responsible

5. Carelessness, negligence - 33-36

Restitution for loss

### **III. Property Loss Liability – 22:1-15**

1. Stealing – 1-4

Thief is to make restitution

Limited right to protect property – 2-3

Some cases restitution is double - 4

2. Loss by carelessness, neglect – 5-6

Loss is to be repaid

3. Things entrusted for safe keeping - 7-13

Restitution when there is negligence

4. Responsibility for things borrowed – 14-15

### **IV. Crimes against Humanity– 22:16-20**

1. Sexual seduction – 16-17

Responsible for actions

Protection for a virgin

2. Witchcraft, sorcery - 18

Punishable by death

3. Sexual relations with an animal – 19

Death penalty

4. Idolatry - 20

Also a capital crime

### **V. Godly Character – 22:21-31**

1. Show mercy to the Needy - 22:21-27

Care for the stranger - 21

Don't oppress the widow or orphan - 22-24

Be gracious to the poor - 25-27

2. Honor & Respect all authority - 22:28-31

Judges, rulers and God Himself