

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 10 – More Ordinances Through Moses in the Mount Forty Days / Nights (Exodus 21-24)

1. What were the instructions concerning a purchased Hebrew servant?
 - *“If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him. If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul [cf. **Deuteronomy 15:16-17**]; and he shall serve him for ever. And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do. If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her. And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters. If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish. And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money” (**Exodus 21:2-11**).*
2. Name four things capital punishment was used for in chapter twenty-one.
 - Premeditated murder (**Exodus 21:12-14**).
 - Smiting one's mother or father (**Exodus 21:15**).
 - Stealing a man and selling him (**Exodus 21:16**).
 - Cursing one's father or mother (**Exodus 21:17**).
 - Additionally, we could find it interesting that if an ox killed someone it would be stoned itself (**Exodus 21:28**).
3. What was to occur if a man dug a pit and someone else's ox fell into that pit and died?
 - *“And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein; The owner of the pit shall make it good, and give money unto the owner of them; and the dead beast shall be his” (**Exodus 21:33-34**).*
4. What was to occur if a man stole an ox or a sheep and sold it?
 - *“If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep” (**Exodus 22:1**).*
5. Was self-defense allowed to occur if a thief were breaking in?
 - Yes, a life was not to be taken for his (**Exodus 22:2**).
6. Give five examples, which clearly establish, that when someone did wrong to another's property they were expected to offer restitution.
 - *“If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double” (**Exodus 22:4**).*

- *“If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution” (Exodus 22:5).*
- *“If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed therewith; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution” (Exodus 22:6).*
- *“If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay double” (Exodus 22:7).*
- *“For all manner of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing which another challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbor” (Exodus 22:9).*

7. What was to happen to witches?

- They were to be put to death (**Exodus 22:18**).

8. Is bestiality a good thing?

- Capital punishment was to be practiced (**Exodus 22:19**), therefore the answer is NO!

9. What was to be the punishment for sacrificing to other god's?

- Death (**Exodus 22:20**). Had they followed this instruction much of the apostasy in Israel would have been prevented. Same is true today with discipline in the local church (**II Thessalonians 3:6**).

10. What would happen to the Israelites if they afflicted widows or the fatherless?

- *“Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; And My wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless” (Exodus 22:22-24).*

11. Were the children of Israel expected to give their first fruits unto God?

- Yes, (**Exodus 22:29-30**).
- Liquors is defined as juice (BDB Hebrew and English Lexicon).

12. Was it okay to follow the majority if they were doing wrong?

- No, (**Exodus 23:2**).

13. How were the children of Israel expected to react to a false matter?

- They were to keep far from it (**Exodus 23:7**).

14. Were the children of Israel to take gifts [bribes]?

- No, (**Exodus 23:8**).

15. What were the children of Israel to do in the seventh year with the land they farmed?

- *“And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof: But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and*

what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard” (Exodus 23:10-11).

16. How much of what the Lord said were the children of Israel expected to take heed to; observe [be circumspect]?

- All that God said (**Exodus 23:13**).

17. How many feasts were to be kept per year and what were those feasts?

- *“Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread; (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field” (Exodus 23:14-16).*

18. Was the angel that the Lord was going to send, to bring Israel into the way, a pushover?

- Not at all: *“Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for My name is in him” (Exodus 23:20-21).*

19. How good were things going to be for Israel if they simply served the Lord correctly?

- They’d be blessed in every way from food, to health, and an easy deliverance into the land God promised them (**Exodus 23:25-30**).

20. Was Israel expected to allow some of the current inhabitants of the land God was giving them to remain in that land?

- No, they were to drive them out so not to be trapped in their sinful ways (**Exodus 23:31-33**).

21. Who was to come and worship afar off while Moses came near to the Lord?

- Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel (**Exodus 24:1-2**).

22. How much of the Lord’s instructions did the children of Israel agree to follow?

- All of them (**Exodus 24:3**).

23. Was this covenant sealed with blood?

- Yes, (**Exodus 24:4-8**; cf. **Hebrews 9:15-22**).

24. What was the Lord going to give to Moses when he came up unto Him in the mount?

- He would give Moses tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which He had written; so that Moses could teach the people (**Exodus 24:12**).

25. What was the sight of the glory of the Lord like on Mount Sinai?

- A devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel (**Exodus 24:17**).