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“Loving God and Neighbor”

Scripture: Exodus 22:16-31

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:24

Big Idea: God calls his people in all situations to be wholeheartedly devoted to him and to be compassionately devoted to other people.

I. Premarital Sex (22:16-17)

A. Deuteronomy 22:25-27

B. There are always men around who would like to have the pleasures of sex without the responsibilities of marriage.

C. Premarital sex is bad, unholy. Premarital sex followed by a bad marriage is worse.

D. Premarital sex is a serious sin and has serious consequences.

E. Laws in the Bible were designed to promote godly patterns of courtship, marriage, and sex, and in that order.

II. Three Capital Crimes (22:18-20)

A. Sorcery (22:18)

1. Deuteronomy 18:9-14

2. Leviticus 20:27

B. Bestiality (22:19)

1. Leviticus 18:23-25

C. Idolatry (22:20)

D. “Sorcery, bestiality, and idolatry are heinous because they are contrary to God’s character. God is sovereign and good, so we must not use dark powers to control his world. He is holy and pure, so we must not violate the sanctity of his image in us by behaving like animals. He is the only God, so we must not worship anyone else “ (Philip Graham Ryken).

E. We don’t put to death people who practice sorcery, bestiality, or idolatry, but we are to excommunicate them from the church. (Matthew 18:15–17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5)

III. Protect the Most Vulnerable (22:21-24)

A. Deuteronomy 10:18-19

B. Psalm 68:5

C. James 1:27

IV. Compassion for the Poor (22:25-27)

A. We’re not to take advantage of someone else’s misfortune, the way a moneylender would.

B. God has a special concern for the poor.

V. Devotion to God (22:28-31)

- A. Do not disrespect God.
- B. Do not speak disrespectfully to or about your leaders.
- C. We owe God our gifts and tithes, and our families and flocks.
- D. Mark 7:19

Conclusion

- A. Until we come to grips with the devastating consequences of sin we will never realize how desperate we are for a Savior.
- B. 1 Peter 2:24-25
- C. 2 Corinthians 5:21
- D. The Gospel Definition