

Exodus 21-23

December 11th, 2020

Study Guide

Pray: Ask God to help you see and hear His word rightly and ask Him to reveal himself to you as you read through the designated chapters this week.

Read through **Exodus 21-23**. Then, **reflect** upon what you read as you consider the study questions.

“These are the laws you are to set before them,” the Lord said to Moses. In Exodus 21-23, the Lord now instructs Moses as to the regulations that were to govern Israel in its national life as the people of God.

Other nations of the same time period also had codes of law. For example, the famous code of Hammurabi, king of Babylon was discovered to have been written several hundred years before Moses. God gave Israel the instructions of His will in a manner similar to the legal forms that people used at that time; however, there is great differences in the content!

Israel was responsible to God, not to a human lawgiver. The law of God given through Moses praises the works of the Lord and expressed how Israel was to honor the Lord and live as a chosen nation and people belonging to God. They were called to live their life in a manner that surely set them apart from the other nations of the same time period.

1. How does God describe Himself in **Exodus 22:22-27**?

2. Because God is a compassionate God, Israel was called to be compassionate also. This comes through clearly in **Exodus 22:21-27**.
 - a. Who does God mention in this passage of Scripture that are of His special concern?

 - b. *Personal Reflection.* Think about a special group of people God has placed on your heart to help. Think about how you might use your own gifts to act generously and compassionately towards these people. Take some time to lift them up in prayer.

3. What was to motivate the Israelites to deal kindly with foreigners as expressed in **Exodus 23:9**?

4. All of the responsibilities we have towards others result from our relationship to God. Specific laws pertaining to the Sabbath are set forth in **Exodus 23:10-13**. How did the Sabbath laws join together worship and service to people?

5. Read **Exodus 23:14-19** and name three festivals that Israel is to celebrate to God each year.

6. Who did God promise to send to the Israelites to accompany them on their journey (**Exodus 23:20; see also Exodus 14:19**)?

7. In **Exodus 23:20-31**, what promises does God make to Israel if they remain faithful to Him?

8. What instructions does God give to Israel in **Exodus 23:32-33**?

9.
 - a. Look up **John 14:6**. What does Jesus say in this verse?

 - b. How can we guard our hearts against the influence of false ideas?

10. Read **Galatians 3:19-26**. According to these verses, what was the purpose of the law?