

Christian Living by “the Law”?

Exodus 22:16-23:9 (Living in Covenant Series)

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Context: (Ex. 19-24) God’s Covenant at Mount Sinai

Context: (Ex. 21-23) laws pertaining to smoothly functioning society

↪ Property and liability laws

↪ Laws about _____ justice (22:16-23:9)

↪ Laws about the Sabbath and festivals (23:10-19)

The “Melodic Line” (theme) at work in Exodus: moving from _____ to _____.

The Text (Ex. 22:16-23:9):

I. _____ laws (sins of _____)

- 1) *Pre-marital sex/ cohabitation (v.16-17)
- 2) Sorcery/ witchcraft (v. 18)
- 3) Bestiality (v. 19)
- 4) Idol sacrifice (v. 20)
- 5) *Mistreatment of the defenseless (v. 21-24)
- 6) *Usury (v. 25-27)

II. _____ laws (sins of _____)

- 1) Respect _____ as from God (v. 28)
- 2) _____ willingly to God (v. 29-30)
- 3) Remain _____ (set apart as holy) to God (v. 31)

4) Maintain _____ and _____
(23:1-3)

5) Care for your _____ property as
though it is your own (v. 4-5)

III. More prohibitive laws

1) *Do not inhibit the integrity of the justice system
(v. 6-8)

2) *Do not oppress a sojourner (v. 9)

* Demonstrate God's concern for the

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The “Melodic Line” (theme) at work in Exodus: moving from **slavery** to **worship**.

The Text (Ex. 22:16-23:9):

- I. **Prohibitive** laws (sins of **commission**)
 - 1) *Pre-marital sex/ cohabitation (v.16-17)
 - 2) Sorcery/ witchcraft (v. 18)
 - 3) Bestiality (v. 19)
 - 4) Idol sacrifice (v. 20)
 - 5) *Mistreatment of the defenseless (v. 21-24)
 - 6) *Usury (v. 25-27)
- II. **Instructive** laws (sins of **omission**)
 - 1) Respect **authority** as from God (v. 28)
 - 2) **Give** willingly to God (v. 29-30)
 - 3) Remain **consecrated** (set apart as holy) to God (v. 31)
 - 4) Maintain **honesty** and **integrity** (23:1-3)
 - 5) Care for your **neighbor’s** property as though it is your own (v. 4-5)
- III. More prohibitive laws
 - 1) *Do not inhibit the integrity of the justice system (v. 6-8)
 - 2) *Do not oppress a sojourner (v. 9)

* Demonstrate God’s concern for the **defenseless**.