

God's Laws for Life

Exodus 21:12-27 (Living in Covenant Series)

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Approaching "difficult" Scripture texts

Challenges:

- 1) Don't _____ critical voices, address concerns objectively.
- 2) Don't _____ the practical application

Next week: "Why should we trust the Bible?"

Breaking down the passage

- I. Regarding _____ (12-17)
 - A. Murder (v. 12-14)
 - i. Death penalty for blows leading to death
 - ii. Asylum granted in certain [non-premeditated] cases
 - iii. Willful, planned attack
 - B. Other assaults (v. 15-17)
 - i. _____ parents
 - ii. Human _____
 - iii. _____ parents
- II. Degrees of punishment based on circumstances (v. 18-27)
 - A. Injuries in assault (v. 18-19)
 - B. Poor treatment/ abuse of slaves (v. 20-21)
 - C. Harm during _____ (v. 22-25)
 - D. Harm to slaves (v. 26-27)

The take-away from the passage

- 1) Beware of _____ on an ancient text (especially the Bible) your own biases and cultural presuppositions.

- 2) God's word (all of it) remains _____.
- 3) God's word (all of it) remains _____ and
_____.
- 4) We learn about the nature and character of God: He cares about _____ life and the _____ in society.

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Challenges:

- 3) Don't **dismiss** critical voices, address concerns objectively.
- 4) Don't **overlook** the practical application

Next week: “Why should we trust the Bible?”

Breaking down the passage

III. Regarding **capital offenses** (12-17)

- A. Murder (v. 12-14)
 - i. Death penalty for blows leading to death
 - ii. Asylum granted in certain [non-premeditated] cases
 - iii. Willful, planned attack
- B. Other assaults (v. 15-17)
 - i. **Striking** parents
 - ii. Human **trafficking**
 - iii. **Cursing** parents

IV. Degrees of punishment based on circumstances (v. 18-27)

- A. Injuries in assault (v. 18-19)
- B. Poor treatment/ abuse of slaves (v. 20-21)
- C. Harm during **pregnancy** (v. 22-25)
- D. Harm to slaves (v. 26-27)

The take-away from the passage

- 5) Beware of **imposing** on an ancient text (especially the Bible) your own biases and cultural presuppositions.
- 6) God's word (all of it) remains **authoritative**.
- 7) God's word (all of it) remains **valuable** and **life-altering**.
- 8) We learn about the nature and character of God: He cares about **human** life and the **defenseless** in society.